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	Subject	Council Bill 12-0030; Zoning - Conditional Use - Amending Ordinance 97-208		

To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill 12-0030 Zoning - Conditional Use - Amending Ordinance 97-208. The purpose of this bill is to amend the maximum bed capacity for the nonprofit home and transitional housing facility for the care and custody of homeless persons at the property known as The Carrington House, located in the Walbrook Community at 3500-3502 Clifton Avenue. The bill will also add a certain condition, and correct and conform certain references.

This bill was submitted at the request of the Linda R. Boyer for Jobs, Housing and Recovery Baltimore (JHR Baltimore). JHR Baltimore is seeking to increase their bed capacity by an additional 33 beds to enhance its ability to serve the transitional housing needs of men. The facility currently provides 29 beds for this purpose and the increase in beds would allow The Carrington House to use the building to full capacity.

JHR Baltimore provides excellent services to homeless men in recovery for drug and alcohol addiction. This residential program provides both individual and group counseling. JHR Baltimore has several successful programs in other locations around the City that serve this population. It provides life sustaining services, housing, and jobs during recovery for addiction. The increase in beds will allow JHR Baltimore to more than double the number of individuals it currently serves.

BCHD supports Council Bill 12-0030 and will participate at the hearing to provide any information that may be needed in assisting the council in making an informed decision.

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