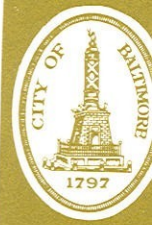


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TO

The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
President of City Council of Baltimore
400 City Hall

DATE: September 4, 2008

The Environmental Control Board supports the above Bill, for the purpose of requiring certain large waste containers to be registered.

This initiative is an effective monitoring tool for those companies or individuals who are not in compliance when it comes to properly disposing of debris. Registration is necessary so that the enforcement agencies can have immediate contact with the source when a problem arises. This generally keeps the City's cost down because the city is not required to abate a problem merely because they cannot contact the responsible party to clean up debris caused by their dumpsters.

In the numerous workshops and community association meetings conducted by ECB, we find that a major concern focuses on dumpsters left opened. When dumpsters are left opened the waste is left exposed to rain, snow, wind and other elements causing an unsafe, unhealthy, offensive, and unsightly condition in the community detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare, including the aesthetics of the community and its property values.

The Environmental Control Board recommends approval of this bill.

