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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD 417 East Fayette Street, Room 634		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 10-0516 Non-owner Occupied Dwelling & Vacant Structures – Multiple – Family- Dwellings and Rooming Houses		

**TO**

DATE:

The Honorable Bernard C. Young  
 President,  
 City Council of Baltimore  
 400 City Hall

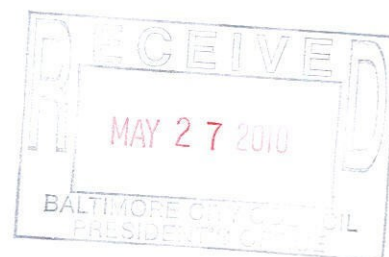
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The Environmental Control Board (ECB) supports the above bill that would establish an annual fee for properties subject to vacant building violation notices. ECB often has to address the impact of derelict, vacant structures and the eyesore it proposes to perspective home owners and the City as a whole through its hearings regarding trash and debris and other factors that bring our neighborhoods into disarray.

This bill is viable, in that it also incorporates the State requirement that a multi-family dwelling license be withheld if the structure is not in compliance with State and Federal lead paint laws. This is definitely a health issue in that lead is a highly toxic metal causing a range of health problems, especially in young children

In addition enforcement will serve as an intensified mechanism for enhancing one of the City's ability to address harmful factors to our environment and neighborhoods.

ECB has no objection to this bill.



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