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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 16-0665			

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TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0665 Sale of City Property for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in and to a certain parcels of land no longer needed for highway or other public use and known as the former bed of 1. Sinclair Lane easterly 731.1 feet more or less to its northeastern most extremity and 2. Certain streets lying within the former Freedom and Claremont Homes Project now known as Orchard Ridge, all as shown on Plat 114-A-16 on file.

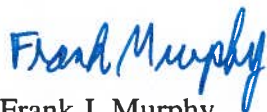
The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) is about to enter into a long term ground lease with Orchard Ridge Rental V, LLC to construct 65 rental housing units comprised of 58 affordable units and 7 market rate. Earlier phases of the project have constructed 313 units, of which 278 units are affordable and 335 units are market rate.

In the 1950's the site of the overall project was developed for public housing. At that time a number of street beds were sold by HABC to the City for dedication as public roads. When the initial phase of construction, on the overall Orchard Ridge project, was developed in 2007 and 2008, certain street beds were closed but not conveyed to HABC because it was believed based on an erroneous title report received by the City, that HABC owned all necessary street beds.

In order to correct this error, this bill is needed to convey portions of Sinclair Lane, Clareway and Southclare Road to HABC.
DOT supports this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

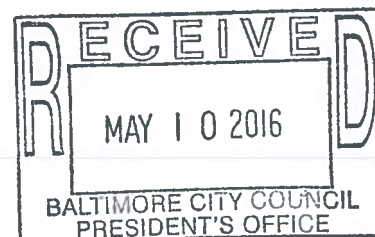
Respectfully,



Frank J. Murphy
Director

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Cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison



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