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SUBJECT	City Council Bill # 22-0210 Blight Elimination Task Force - Establishment		

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**TO:** The Honorable President and Members  
Of the Baltimore City Council

Dear Mr. President and Members:

The Baltimore City Environmental Control Board (ECB) has been requested to review City Council Bill # 22-0210, Blight Elimination Task Force - Establishment. The purpose of the bill is to establish the Baltimore City Blight Elimination Task Force and its members, set forth certain duties of the Task Force, require an annual report, define certain terms, and to generally address the elimination of blight in Baltimore City.

The ECB is an administrative hearing board that adjudicates contested environmental citations. Environmental citations are issued by various City agencies for violations listed under Article 1, Section 40-14. Once issued by a City agency, the cited person or entity has approximately thirty (30) days to contest the citation in a hearing. That hearing takes place at the ECB with an administrative hearing officer presiding over the case. In order to maintain its neutrality, the ECB plays no role in the investigation or citation issuance process.

Upon reviewing the proposed bill, it appears that the ECB would not be a member of the Blight Elimination Task Force and, due to our neutrality, likely should not be part of the task force.

For the above reason, the ECB has no position on the passage of this bill.

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