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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0409 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all its interests in and to (1) a 20-foot right-of-way, formerly known as Lovegrove Street, (2) the former bed of a 10-foot alley laid out 90.0 feet north of the north side of Mount Royal Avenue, (3) the former bed of a 10-foot alley laid out parallel with and distant 90.0 feet east of the east side of Charles Street, and (4) the former bed of an unnamed street, extending from Charles Street to the west right-of-way line of the Jones Falls Expressway heretofore granted to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore through the property of the State of Maryland for the benefit of the University System of Maryland on behalf of its constituent institution, University of Baltimore (formerly known as State of Maryland to the use of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges or as University of Baltimore, a public institution governed by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Universities and Colleges). The location and courses of the rights-of-way to be released are shown on plat numbered R.W.20-36300, prepared by the Survey Control Section.

The University of Baltimore will be constructing a new John and Frances Angelos Law Center building at the corner of Charles Street and Mount Royal Avenue, currently a surface parking lot for faculty and staff. Design of the \$107 million building was awarded to Behnisch Architekten of Stuttgart, Germany and Ayers/Saint/Gross, Inc. Construction is planned to be completed in 2012 in time for the fall semester. Within the building footprint are four easements held by the City of Baltimore. These potential utility easements were retained when the City closed a portion of Lovegrove Street, two alleys, and an unnamed street as part of the sale of a city-owned parcel of land to the University. Only one of the easements has existing utilities and the University is working with BGE and the City to relocate or abandon these utilities, at their cost.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 09-0409.

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