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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Baltimore City Recreation & Parks 3001 East Drive		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #16-0728 Discounted City Services for Non Profit Events		

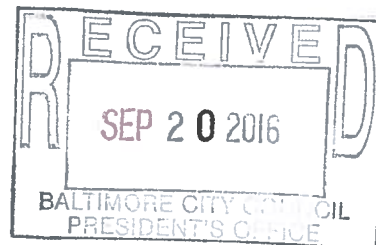
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**TO** The Honorable President and Members of Baltimore City Council, Room 400, Baltimore City Hall

With respect to Bill #16-0728: "AN ORDINANCE FOR the purpose of requiring that the City grant a 50% discount for City services and equipment used to support a nonprofit event; and generally relating to the provision of City support to nonprofit events", the Department of Recreation & Parks is unable to support this legislation as written.

We work directly with many nonprofit partners to hold events in parks and are always looking for ways to increase programs and events in City parks. However, our Recreation and Parks Permits Office charges an area impact fee for park use and fees for the use of our mobile stage. The Permits Office is an enterprise type operation and is supported directly from the revenue received from these fees. Four full-time employee salaries and ten to twelve seasonal employee salaries are directly paid from these funds, in addition to material/supply costs and contractual services to support our pavilion/picnic area and athletic field rental operation. There are no City General Funds allocated to support this operation. Any reduction in our fees collected would directly impact the operation and our ability to keep the above referenced employees on payroll.

cc Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council  
Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development  
Tom Jeannetta, Chief of Parks



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