

CITY OF BALTIMORE

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

BUREAU OF PURCHASES  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

February 27, 2012

Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 12-0009R – Informational Hearing – Local, Small, and Disadvantaged Business Purchasing Preferences for Baltimore

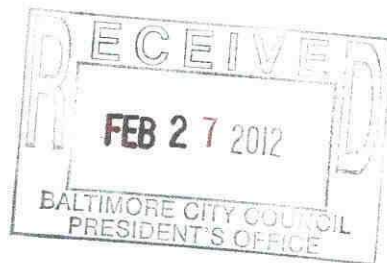
Dear President and Members:

From an administrative point of view, the Bureau of Purchases can execute such a preference with little impact on its operations, and so interposes no objection to the proposed discussion; however, as other agencies have commented, there may be serious impediments to establishing such a policy. Constitutional and Charter objections will have to be overcome, and such a preference may result in higher costs to the City for the goods and services. Further, surrounding jurisdictions may enact retaliatory legislation that would put Baltimore businesses at a disadvantage.

Very respectfully,



Joseph D. Mazza, CPPO  
City Purchasing Agent



*noobj./comment*