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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review City Council bill #19-0332, entitled “The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan.” This legislation will adopt and integrate the 2019 Sustainability Plan into the City’s Comprehensive Master Plan.

The 2019 Sustainability Plan incorporates a necessary equity lens and was developed using the STAR Community Rating System, a United Nations-recommended tool intended to gather and assimilate feedback from local communities. The Plan focuses on community preparedness, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, clean air, food systems, environmental literacy, and waste and recycling.

City Council bill #19-0332 will update Baltimore City’s current Sustainability Plan, which has not been revised in 10 years. From an operations perspective, BCHD will be not be impacted as much of the plan calls for the continuation of current programming.

Acknowledging its many potential public health benefits, BCHD urges a **favorable report** on Council Bill #19-0332.