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	SUBJECT	<b>City Council Bill 16-0619 – Minority and Women's Business Enterprise – Small Local Business Procurement Preferences</b>		

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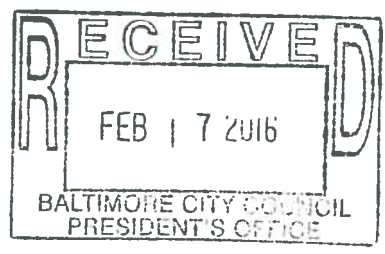
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The Honorable President and Members of the City Council      February 9, 2016

Council Bill 16-0619 proposes to create a Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program to be administered by the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office. This program requires the establishment of a Goal Setting Committee for specific industries defined as: architectural and engineering; construction; professional services; non-professional services and commodities procurement. The purpose of each committee is to lessen the inconsistency of contracts awarded by the city to large and non-local businesses in comparison to those awarded to minority and women owned businesses.

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) supports the proposed creation of a SLBE program. As the operator of the City's Career Center Network, MOED is dedicated to promoting the success of MWBE businesses. The agency has a strong track record of assisting MWBE businesses with staffing needs and connecting them with resources to fund training. This bill promotes the inclusion of minority and women-owned businesses and will ultimately help Baltimore City's economic landscape by leveling the playing field.

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