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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0404 – Supplemental General Fund Operating Appropriation
– Baltimore City Information and Technology Department – \$10,000,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0404 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$10,000,000 to the Baltimore City Information and Technology Department. The appropriation provides funding for the City's ransomware response and recovery.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(3) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when there has been "a material change in circumstance or additional appropriations for new programs which could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates" for Fiscal Year 2019. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which must identify the source of the funds and may only encompass a "single program, purpose, activity or project." City Charter, Art. VI, §8(c). The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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