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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to respond to Council Bill 10-0506- Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission. This bill is intended to establish the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission, provide for its composition, establish its duties and aim to help eradicate animal abuse in Baltimore.

It is imperative that the work of the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Task Force continues its duties of determining ways to eradicate animal abuse in Baltimore. This bill calls for the task force to continue its work increasing awareness of animal cruelty laws, recommending legislation to protect animals and prosecuting abusers and promote the training techniques for law enforcement officials to expedite the animal cruelty cases that ensures the acquisition of best evidence to prosecute the abusers. This Commission will work in concert with the best efforts of the Animal Control Bureau to protect and preserve the sanctity of life and the provisions of adequate living for the human and animal constituency of the City of Baltimore.

The Health Department supports the proposed task force, and encourages successful passage of Council Bill 10-0506. We look forward to participating in the hearing process.

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