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TO: President and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jane Plapinger *JDP*  
President & CEO

RE: Council Bill 10-0446 - Public Ethics Law - Clarifications and Expanded Coverage

DATE: January 22, 2010

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Baltimore Mental Health Systems, Inc. (BMHSI), Baltimore City's core service agency/local mental health authority, supports the passage of Council Bill 10-0446. While BMHSI is not a City agency -- it is a "quasi-public" agency incorporated as a nonprofit, which has been designated by the City as its local mental health authority -- it supports this effort to strengthen public trust in government. BMHSI is committed to maintaining policies and procedures for its Board of Directors and employees consistent with the standards described in this legislation, to protect the agency's work from conflicts of interest and other circumstances that might compromise public trust.

BMHSI supports this bill, as well as any other steps undertaken by the Mayor and City Council to strengthen public trust in City government.

