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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 10-0199R Baltimore City Successful Transitions Task Force		

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The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
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Bill No. 10-0199R proposes the establishment of a citywide task force to work with various agencies of City government, including the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, to identify and facilitate the delivery of services from government agencies, child welfare advocates, service providers, businesses, faith-based organizations, community groups, and other interested parties to ensure the successful transition to independence of children in Baltimore City's foster care system.

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED), Baltimore City's workforce investment agency and one-stop career center operator, is supportive of the creation of such a task force. Efforts such as this could facilitate the City's ability to effectively serve the diverse needs of Baltimore City's youth population. MOED is committed to utilizing its existing range of workforce development programs – such as its One-Stop Career Center Network, the YouthWorks summer youth employment program, the After School Matters internship program, and the Youth Opportunity program – to advance the career readiness and promote the academic and workforce success of young people in Baltimore who are navigating the transition between foster care and adulthood. Indeed, MOED presently utilizes grant funds, made available through a partnership of the State Departments of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the State Department of Human Resources and the Baltimore City Department of Social Services to serve the needs of children who are aging out of the foster care system. Our experience in this initiative provides us with an important perspective that could be of service to the proposed task force.

In conclusion, MOED is committed to serving as a partner in the proposed Baltimore City Successful Transitions Task Force. MOED welcomes the opportunity to coordinate its efforts with those of other City agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

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