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Position: Support

Dear Council President and Members of the Baltimore City Council:

I am writing in support of the **Resolution 26-0202 Charter Amendment – Department of Water and Wastewater**. As a member of the Regional Water Governance Work Group, established by the Maryland General Assembly to evaluate governance options for Baltimore’s regional water and wastewater system, I have been actively engaged in discussions about the system’s future. Throughout this process, a central priority has been ensuring that this utility remains public, accountable, and responsive to the needs of its customers; while also ensuring that the dedicated women and men who operate and maintain our water and wastewater systems are afforded with the working conditions and benefits they deserve.

Our work has underscored the unique operational and infrastructure challenges facing Baltimore’s water and wastewater system. Creating a dedicated Department of Water and Wastewater is a practical step toward addressing these complexities. By establishing clearer lines of responsibility and accountability, this structural change will strengthen oversight and allow for a more focused approach to delivering and maintaining safe, reliable, and affordable services across the region. This Charter Amendment represents a necessary governance reform that will better position Baltimore’s water system to meet current demands and future challenges.

I respectfully urge the Council to pass **Resolution 26-0202 Charter Amendment – Department of Water and Wastewater** on to the voters of Baltimore City.

Sincerely,

Patrick Moran  
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Member, Regional Water Governance Work Group