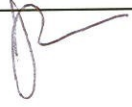



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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) supports Council Bill 09-0284. The purpose of the Bill is amend the City Code to enable the City’s “One Plus One” Collection program.

The One Plus One Collection program will promote residents to recycle more of their garbage. By reducing both the amount of mixed refuse picked up by the City and by reducing the pickup to once a week, residents will be forced to rely more on the City’s recycling program. This new collection program will better the environment and reduce the amount of garbage that is filling our limited-sized landfills.

In addition, the One Plus One will force businesses, especially food establishments, to hire private contractors and not rely on City trash pickup alone. The City has over 5,000 food facilities that generate a large amount of food waste. Too many of these businesses do not use proper receptacles and rely solely on the City to remove their waste. As a result, trash is more accessible to rodents and alleys and sidewalks are cluttered with waste and debris.

The implementation of Bill 09-0284 will benefit the environment and improve City life by reducing one of the large factors that promote rodent proliferation and litter. Thus, BCHD supports this bill.

Cc: Angela Gibson

