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| <b>F<br/>R<br/>O<br/>M</b> | Name & Title          | Dr. Letitia Dzirasa, Health Commissioner   | Health<br>Department<br><br>AGENCY<br>REPORT |  |
|                            | Agency Name & Address | Health Department<br>1001 E. Fayette Street<br>Baltimore, Maryland 21202   |  |   |
|                            | Subject:<br>Position: | 22-0198 – City Property - Naming the Baltimore City Health Department Building to the Dr. Maxie T. Collier Health Department Building<br><br>FAVORABLE |  |   |

To: President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o 409 City Hall

March 24, 2022

The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review City Council bill #22-0198, entitled “City Property - Naming the Baltimore City Health Department Building to the Dr. Maxie T. Collier Health Department Building.” This legislation seeks to name the Baltimore City Health Department building, located at 1001 East Fayette Street, the Dr. Maxie T. Collier Health Department Building.

Dr. Maxie T. Collier was a psychiatrist who dedicated his life to improving health and decreasing disparities, particularly working to improve the mental health needs of people of color. In addition to his commitment to addressing mental health needs, he was a leader for public health issues like advocating for a needle exchange program in Baltimore City to prevent the spread of HIV at the height of the AIDS epidemic and prenatal care. He was the first Black Health Commissioner in Baltimore City, working as Commissioner of Health from 1987-1990. His important contributions to the health of Baltimore residents and to the field of public health should be celebrated and remembered.

BCHD respectfully requests a **favorable report** on City Council bill #22-0198.