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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-0119 Waste Control – Disposal of Garbage and Other Waste in Litter Receptacles

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BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



**TO** The Honorable Bernard C. Young  
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President  
City Council of Baltimore  
400 City Hall

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The Environmental Control Board (ECB) supports the bill FOR the purpose of prohibiting the disposal of garbage, waste, and other matter, other than litter, into public trash receptacles located on or along any sidewalk, street, open space, wharf, or other public place; imposing certain penalties; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the duping or disposal of garbage, waste, or other matter on public property.

The most significant change of this bill is to §7-608 of the Health Code. The proposed amendment would prevent, with the exception of litter, dumping or disposing garbage, waste, wire, glass, or nails in a public receptacle. The purpose of this change is to prevent people from dumping household waste into public trash receptacles. This frequently causes the public trash receptacle to overflow and cause a health hazard. ECB sees no reason to oppose this change.

Section 7-631 authorizes civil penalties to be enforced by an environmental citation. From the perspective of an administrative court, requiring the validity of a citation to be determined at a hearing would be welcomed as it continues the use of due process for the accused.

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