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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 18-0201		

DATE: March 28, 2018

TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 18-0201, introduced by Councilman Cohen at the request of the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc.

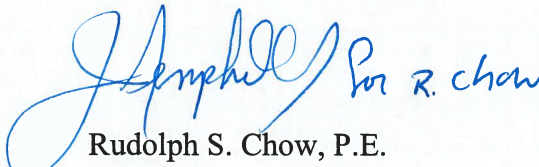
The purpose of this bill is to allow the Waterfront Management Authority to exempt certain mixed use properties from the supplemental tax and to clarify and conform related provisions.

Ordinance 07-417 authorized the creation of the Waterfront Management District and the Waterfront Management Authority, which includes parts of the Inner Harbor, Harbor East, and Fells Point, with the district running along the waterfront to a few blocks north. The Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. administers the Authority, helping to keep the Inner Harbor an attractive and welcoming environment for those visiting, working, and living in the area. The Department of Public Works works closely with the Waterfront Management District and Authority, providing baseline services and participating in a collaborative approach to keep the harbor area clean and inviting.

The Waterfront Management District is a Special Benefits District, in which property owners within the defined area agree to impose additional taxes and charges on themselves in order to provide enhanced and supplemental public services. In the Waterfront Management District, certain residential properties are exempt from this tax. City Council Bill 18-0201, if approved, would add properties containing 4 or fewer residential units and a non-residential use on the ground level only to the list of properties exempt from the tax.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to City Council Bill 18-0201.

Sincerely,

 For R. Chow
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Director

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