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Mayor
PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: June 21, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0512 - City Streets - Closing - McElderry Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0512, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and closing McElderry Street, extending from the west side of Dean Street, Westerly 592.5 feet, more or less, to the east side of a 15-foot alley, laid out in the rear of the properties known as Nos. 401 through 645 N. Highland Avenue, as shown on Plat 212-A-18A in the Office of the Department of General Services.

McElderry Street, LLC requests this legislation in order to better control and maintain access to a concrete plant and storage yard that operates at the subject location. The applicant has been plagued by past incidents of vandalism and criminal activity and therefore seeks to close this section of McElderry Street in order to fence off the western end and install gates at the eastern end. A companion bill would authorize the sale of that portion of the street bed.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0512.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliop Parthemous, *Deputy Mayor*

