

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0110R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Curran, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Cole, Middleton, Branch, Henry, D'Adamo, Kraft, Welch, Reisinger, Young, Clarke, Spector, Holton, Conaway

At the request of: The United Steel Workers of America, District 8 & The Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO Unions

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**2009 Resolution on the Spending of Federal Economic
Renewal Grants to Baltimore City, Maryland**

FOR the purpose of supporting the intent of the United Steel Workers and the Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO Unions to maximize the creation of American jobs and restore economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed.

WHEREAS, The economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment; and

WHEREAS, Those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and

WHEREAS, Congress and President Obama adopted a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and other projects that will require manufactured components; and

WHEREAS, Our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and restore the economic vitality of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy; and,

WHEREAS, Any economic recovery plan spending should - to every extent possible - include a commitment from Baltimore City to buy materials and goods produced within the United States for projects, thus employing the very workers that pay taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Baltimore City Council supports the work of the United Steel Workers and the Metropolitan

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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1 Baltimore Council of AFL-CIO Unions to maximize the creation of American jobs and restore
2 economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and
3 services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed.

4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we commit to purchasing only products and services
5 that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible
6 with any economic recovery money provided by the American taxpayers.

7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, As legislators of Baltimore City, we commit to publish any
8 requests to waive existing procurement priorities so as to give American workers and producers
9 the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize
10 the success of our nation's economic recovery program.

11 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
12 Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Director of Finance, the
13 Baltimore City Solicitor, the President of the United Steel Workers, the President of the
14 Metropolitan Baltimore Council of AFL-CIO Unions, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
15 City Council.