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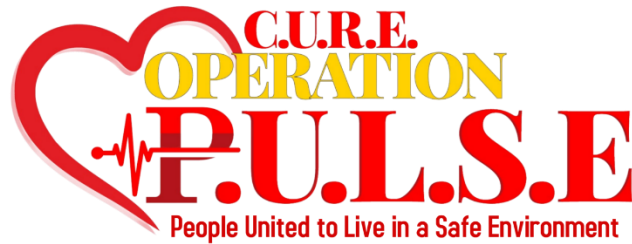
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Councilwoman McCray, Committee Chairwoman  
Baltimore City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee  
Councilwoman Porter, Bill Sponsor  
Baltimore City Hall, 4th Floor  
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Chair McCray & Councilmembers,

My name is Sam Redd, and I am the Director of Operation PULSE. "PULSE" stands for People United to Live in Safe Environment. Our organization was started by East Baltimore clergy more than 30 years ago.

Johns Hopkins has partnered with Operation PULSE from its beginning. Hopkins has provided funding and manpower to plan and execute well-attended and successful community events annually. These include National Night Out, Thanksgiving Meals, MLK Jr. Events, Safety Day, and back-to-school giveaways. These events have benefitted tens of thousands of Baltimore families.

Baltimore's non-profit universities and hospitals provide invaluable resources to Baltimore City and the communities surrounding their campuses. These institutions have recently come under fire from the Trump Administration.

As the Committee and the Council think about this bill and these issues, I ask them to remember the vital work that universities and hospitals do with other nonprofits to uplift communities in East Baltimore and throughout the City.

Sincerely,

Samuel T. Redd, Jr., Director



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