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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD 417 East Fayette Street, Room 634		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 09-0373 Food Service Facilities – Suspension or Nonrenewal of Licenses Multiple or Unpaid Citations		

**TO**

DATE:

The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake  
 President of City Council of Baltimore  
 400 City Hall

July 31, 2009

The Environmental Control Board supports the above Bill, for the purpose of authorizing the suspension or nonrenewal of a license for a food service facility that has received multiple environmental or civil citations, or is in default of an environmental or civil citation.

This agency strongly this bill as a further means of promoting environmental awareness and increasing punitive measures for those offenders who have not taken this type of enforcement seriously in the past. It gives City government another forum that addresses the health and well being of the citizens of Baltimore when it involves food safety and the epidemiology of food borne illness.

This legislation is a monumental step in establishing protocol for sanitation in retail food establishments and food service operations. In addition it raises the consciousness of the merchant as in establishing excellent sanitary maintenance for their establishments.

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