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	Subject	Council Bill 09-0276- Zoning - Conditional Use Housing for the Elderly - 6400 East Pratt Street			

To: President and Members
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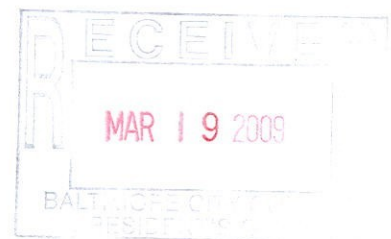
The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to respond to Council Bill 09-0286. The purpose of the bill is to permit, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of housing for the elderly on the property known as 6400 East Pratt Street.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) processes assisted living facilities for licensure.

The BCHD Adult and Geriatric Health Services is responsible for monitoring personal care services provided in these facilities. In addition, the BCHD Office of Environmental Health addresses issues related the facility such as infestations, food preparation areas, and ventilation.

There is a continuing need in Baltimore City for housing for the frail and elderly, and we support the proposed project with the provision that the property is in compliance with COMAR 10.07.14, Title 10, Assisted Living Programs.

Cc: Angela Gibson



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