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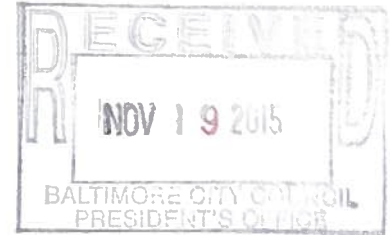


ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY

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November 17, 2015

Baltimore City Council President
Members of the Baltimore City Council
City Hall Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202



RE: Council Bill #15-0266R – One Card-Youth Identification Card and Access Card to City Services

Dear City Council President and Members of the City Council,

The Enoch Pratt Free Library supports the exploration of developing a one card system, like that adopted by the District of Columbia that would enable students to access city services through a single card that would include transit, school programs, rec and park programs and library services. We support, in theory, all systems that increase students' ability to enhance their potential and support their personal aspirations.

To facilitate our role in the process, the Enoch Pratt Free Library will initiate conversations with our DC Public Library colleagues to determine how best to meet challenges related to data sharing, privacy issues, fine collection and mitigation, on line usage of library materials and lost and replacement card processes. It would be our hope that the single card system adopted, would increase student access to library materials while continuing to provide privacy for individual student's reading choices.

Collaboration with other agencies committed to student success remains essential in providing improved services to students and their families. The Enoch Pratt Free Library is always willing to explore possibilities that work toward effective, equitable partnerships that enhance the lives of Baltimore residents.

Sincerely

Carla Hayden
Chief Executive Officer
Enoch Pratt Free Library

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