

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul W. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: April 28, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0031 Rezoning - 5901 Falls Road

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0031, which was introduced for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 5901 Falls Road, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-5 Zoning District to the O-R-1 Zoning District.

The proposed zoning change is requested by Dr. Leslie Krohn, who intends to use the property for a medical practice. This use is inconsistent with the current B-5 zoning designation that prohibits medical offices in this category. According to the Planning Commission Staff Report dated April 21, 2008, the change to an O-R-1 designation would be inconsistent the standards set forth in Article 66B of the Maryland Annotated Code as it is not compatible with the surrounding zoning and any such change would be to the benefit of the individual owner and not serving the wider public interest.

The Department of Housing and Community Development, in this matter, defers to the findings of the Planning Commission and therefore regretfully opposes the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0031.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson Mr. Demaune Millard





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