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TO

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 City Hall

October 3, 2011

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0703.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the air rights over Orleans Street, 189.30 feet west of Wolfe Street and no longer needed for public use; and provide for a special effective date.

Applicant Johns Hopkins University requests this air rights closure over the 1800 block of Orleans street so that it can construct a pedestrian bridge from its proposed Children's Hospital Tower to the University's existing four-story parking garage on the south side of Orleans. According to the Department of General Services' report, the bridgeway will measure 22 feet wide by 70 feet long and will be a minimum of 18 feet above the surface of the roadway. So long as the lowest point of the pedestrian bridge is at least 18 feet from the road surface, the bridge will leave sufficient room for clearance along Orleans Street. Therefore, the Department of Transportation has no objections to this bill.

Respectfully,

Khalil A Director

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