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TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: James H. Green, ^{JHG} Deputy Chief Legal Counsel
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RE: City Council Bill No. 09-0373-Food Services Facilities-Suspension or
Nonrenewal of Licenses-Multiple or Unpaid Citations

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 09-0373-Food Services Facilities-Suspension or Nonrenewal of Licenses-Multiple or Unpaid Citations and supports this legislation. The proposed legislation would authorize the Health Commissioner to suspend or deny renewal of the license of a food service facility if the facility has been served with three (3) or more citations within a six (6) month period of time or if the facility is in default of one or more citation payments within a twelve (12) month time period.

According to the Health Department, the City issues over 5,000 food service facility licenses annually. It remains the business' responsibility to provide a safe and sanitary environment for its customers and the surrounding community at all times. It is equally important that these businesses comply with the law and any penalty associated with its violation before the City renews their license privileges.

The BPD stands willing to assist in the City's collective efforts in this area. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD
Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

