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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: May 13, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 14-0427 - Franchise – Private Pedestrian Bridgeway
Above and Across and Supporting Structures In and Below the 4100
Block of Hillen Road Right-of-Way**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0427, for the purpose of granting a franchise to Morgan State University to construct, use, and maintain (1) a private pedestrian bridgeway above and across the 4100 block of Hillen Road right-of-way and (2) the bridgeway foundation and supporting columns in and below the Hillen Road right-of-way, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would grant a franchise to Morgan State University to construct, use and maintain a pedestrian bridgeway above and across the 4100 block of Hillen Road. The main facilities of the University are on the east side of Hillen Road but a new Business School at Hillen Road and Havenwood Road is under construction so the expansion of the University is occurring west, across Hillen road. A pedestrian bridgeway across Hillen Road would support the safe passage for Morgan State University students as they access housing, academic programs and general shopping opportunities around the University.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0427.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

