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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill No 08-0163 Live Entertainment- Licensing & Regulation		

TO The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings- Blake
 President of City Council of Baltimore
 400 City Hall

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The Environmental Control Board (**ECB**) supports the above Bill, for the purpose of requiring licensing of certain establishments that provide live entertainment or dancing.

The regulation and monitoring of live entertainment in the existing establishments covers a vast number of areas. The bill demonstrates that it will use the Zoning Board and other city agencies to organize a systematic method of governing issues specific to regulation of the live entertainment. This is a valuable tool for the city as it is very detailed in its approach to the regulation on several levels.

The bill also provides a specific definition of live entertainment with examples and exclusions. It delineates the conditional uses versus the permitted uses that require Zoning Board approval. It provides guidelines and parameters for the establishment to use as when determining the type of activity permissible at their establishments. It details certain requirements that will follow with specific penalties if violated.

The violators are on notice as to what punitive actions will follow if they fail to abide by the requirements. This approach can only be an asset to the quality of life for people in Baltimore City. It puts people on notice as to the specific environmental fine of \$500.00 if an establishment fails to comply with the conditional zoning use provided for live entertainment. ECB already has the administrative forum to address these issues.

ECB defers to the Law Department for legal sufficiency of the bill.

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