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| | SUBJECT | City Council Bill 09-0388 Flavored Tobacco Wrappings | | |

TO

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

DATE:
 September 8, 2009

The Environmental Control Board (ECB) supports the above Bill prohibiting the sale or distribution of flavored tobacco wrappings.

ECB's mission involves growth that impacts future investments and endorses not just financial resources, but human, social and environmental resources for future generations. Community needs and community involvements are key components for a sound government.

ECB has been a long time advocate for drug and alcohol prevention programs involving our young people. The sale and distribution of flavored tobacco wrappings is just another methodical endorsement targeted toward youths. Flavored tobacco wrappings are often used to do drugs. After conversing with a group of young people, ECB understands that some of these wrappings are used to roll marijuana and/or other illegal substances.

ECB's main objective is to identify and work toward controlling harmful environmental factors and to promote those that are effective. ECB strongly support this bill.

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