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	Subject	Council Bill 11-0330R – Investigative Hearing – Gender Discrimination at the City’s Homeless Shelter		

To: President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to respond to Council Bill 11-0330R. The purpose of the bill is to invite representatives from Jobs, Housing & Recovery Inc. (JHR), and the Homeless Services Program in the Mayor’s Office of Human Services to appear before the Council to discuss the allegations raised by the ACLU of gender discrimination and intimidation of women at the homeless shelter operated for the City by JHR.

BCHD does not manage the City’s homeless shelter, and therefore, cannot adequately address the allegations of gender discrimination and intimidation of women at the homeless shelter. While we appreciate the opportunity to participate in the discussions about the implications of this resolution, we respectfully defer to the Mayor's Office of Human Services, the agency charged with overseeing the City's homeless services program.

cc: Angela Gibson, Office of the Mayor  
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*Comments / Defers to MD HS*

