

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young
President, Baltimore City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: Position Statement
City Council Bill #12-0170

Dear Council President Young:

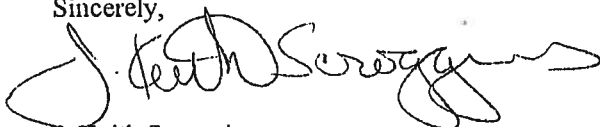
On December 3, 2012, the Baltimore City Council introduced the above-captioned bill, for the purpose of prohibiting contracts or other authorizations for the placement of a wireless telecommunications antenna on property owned or controlled by the City of Baltimore and used for the recreation, care, or education of children.

Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) currently has 22 wireless communication lease agreements, operating at 14 City Schools locations. Collectively, City Schools receives in excess of \$650,000 annually in rent payments for these wireless sites. All of our agreements require that the wireless providers meet all federal, state and local requirements for zoning, health, safety, radio frequency emissions and radiation in connection with the operation, maintenance, construction and installation of wireless communication sites.

In addition, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates and approves all sites for use in the public domain, including Radio Frequency (RF) emissions testing for all sites. As an additional safeguard, City Schools now requires that all wireless providers submit Radio Frequency Site Compliance Reports, demonstrating that all of our sites are within FCC compliance and have passed FCC health and safety testing. It is important to note that City Schools has never received any correspondence from a government or independent testing source indicating that any of our sites are not within health or safety standards as established by the federal government.

City Schools is therefore opposed to City Council Bill #12-0170. We will be glad to testify regarding our opposition to this bill.. Thank you for inviting us to participate in this process.

Sincerely,



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