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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
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Re: City Council Bill 17-0142 – City Property – Grant of Easements

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0142 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would grant three perpetual easements for Supporting Slopes through the property of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as shown on MTA drawing RW-01 (Contract No. 0856-1540) Maryland Transit Administration Retaining Wall No. CN22475RWINW south of Cold Spring Lane. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Assuming this is neither park property nor a right of way, Article 5, § 5(b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants authority to the Department of Real Estate to arrange for the disposition of any real property not needed by the City for public use. The disposition must be authorized by ordinance. Bill 17-0142 is introduced for this purpose. The Law Department, therefore, approves City Council Bill 17-0142 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely, *ecm*  
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