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Honorable President Stephanie Rawlings Blake
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 09-0322**
Leash Law – Environmental and Civil Citations

Dear President Rawlings Blake:

City Council Bill #09-0322 bill is for the purpose of reducing certain civil penalties for violating animal control law requirements for leashes or other restraints; and providing for a special effective date.

The Department of Recreation and Parks understands the concerns of citizens on both sides of this issue. As we move forward to create venues that are inclusive of dogs, great thought and consideration will be given to the importance of this issue to our citizens as a whole.

Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks has no objection to City Council Bill #09-0322.

Respectfully,

Wanda S. Durden

Director

WSD/VSO

cc: Angela Gibson, Legislative Liaison to the City Council

