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	Subject: Position:	21-0132 – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Health \$15,200,000 FAVORABLE		

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 review City Council bill #21-0132, entitled “Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Health \$15,200,000.” This legislation seeks to provide a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$15,200,000 to the Department of Health – Service 315 (Emergency Services - Health).

The BCHD incurred expenditures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, including hotel sheltering expenses. This appropriation is required to bring our FY21 budget into balance, and is necessary due to the increased costs related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Revenue from the Transfer Tax will be used to cover these supplemental expenses.

For the above reasons, BCHD urges a **favorable report** on City Council bill #21-0132. We look forward to attending the hearing and answering any questions the Council may have.