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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holiday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0410- Baltimore City Trauma Response Care Act

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0410. MOED's comments will focus on the intent of the bill to create a Trauma Informed Care Task Force

MOED serves many thousands of residents each year. It is our experience that a large percentage of residents that seek our services have been impacted by trauma either directly or by a family member or other person close to them. We recognize that to provide the most effective employment services we can requires a view that extends beyond job training and includes understanding and addressing the impact that trauma has had on those we serve. Creating a Task Force to help develop a more coordinated service delivery model that includes how best to assist residents is a logical starting point in this critical area for our city.

Therefore, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development supports City Council Bill 19-0410.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JP", written over a circular stamp.

Jason Perkins-Cohen
Director