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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: M. J. Brodie, President 

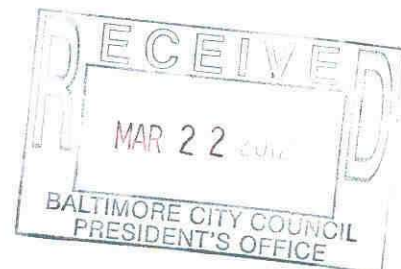
DATE: March 20, 2012

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 12-0028
Commerical Energy Efficiency – Lighting Systems

The Baltimore Hotel Corporation (BHC) has been asked to comment on Council Bill 12-0028. This ordinance would require that all new commercial construction, or substantial renovations of Commerical properties, comply with more stringent energy efficient lighting standards beginning with projects where a permit application is filed on or after January 1, 2013.

While the objective of CC Bill 12-0028 is noteworthy, BHC suggests that the city hotel properties not be put at an economic disadvantage to the suburban hotels, which would not be required at this time to comply with the more stringent energy efficient lighting standards. Our research has demonstrated that the technology required to implement the programs envisioned by CC Bill 12-0028 is expensive; and in the United States, the choices of vendors and product options remain limited. With more technological and manufacturing advancement in this area, the cost of installing energy efficient programs will decrease.

cc: Deputy Mayor Kaliopé Parthemos
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Comments