BALTIMORE OFFICE OF PROMOTION & THE ARTS

DATE: January 30, 2018

TO: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee **FROM:** Baltimore Office Of Promotion & The Arts

POSITION: Support

RE: Council Bill – 17-0117 Bill (Food Service Facilities – Polystyrene Foam Products)

INTRODUCTION -

The Council Bill was introduced by Councilmembers Bullock, Dorsey, Burnett, Henry, Cohen, Sneed and Clarke.

PURPOSE/PLANS

For the purpose of prohibiting food service facilities from using disposable ware made of polystyrene foam.

BRIEF HISTORY -

Because of negative environmental implications, BOPA has not allowed any polystyrene items to be used by their food vendors since 2016. This includes the following events and festivals: the Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar, Artcape, Baltimore Book Festival, Light City.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION -

The Baltimore Office Of Promotion & The Arts **SUPPORTS** City Council Bill 17-0117, prohibiting food service facilities from using polystyrene foam products.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Lawler at slawler@promotionandarts.org, 443.263.4316.

Sincerely,

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Baltimore Farmers' market & Bazaar, Food and Beverage