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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
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Re: City Council Bill 25-0121 – Supplementary Convention Center Capital Project Fund Capital Appropriation – Convention Center – \$200,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

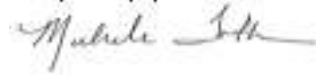
The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 25-0121 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary Convention Center Capital Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to the Convention Center – PRJ002554 998001534-001 (Convention Center Annual Contribution), to provide funding for capital improvements at the Convention Center. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

The submission to the Board of Estimates (BOE) regarding this supplementary capital appropriation states: “The Board is requested to approve this supplemental which will provide appropriations for funding to be received from the Maryland Stadium Authority for the Convention Center.” The First Reader of Council Bill 25-0121 identifies the source of funds for this appropriation as Project Fund PRJ002554 998001 534-001. Both the submission to the BOE and the BOE Agenda item for this appropriation identify the source of the funds as Project Fund PRJ002554-RC0665. The bill should be amended, if necessary, to correct the Project Fund number on lines 5-6 of page 1 and line 2 on page 2 of the bill. If the Project Fund number in Council Bill 25-0121 is correct, no amendment is necessary.

Council Bill 25-0121 cites as authority for the supplementary appropriation Section 8(b)(2)(ii) of Article VI of the City Charter. This section provides that grants from private or governmental sources that could not be expected with reasonable certainty at the time the Ordinance of Estimates was formulated may be made available to the appropriate municipal agency for expenditure. The bill states that the funds are from a grant from the Maryland Stadium Authority.

The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance. The ordinance must identify the source of the funds and may only involve a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” City Charter, Art. VI, § 8(c). The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michele Toth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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