

CITY OF BALTIMORE

SHEILA DIXON, Mayor



ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY

400 Cathedral Street
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April 11, 2008

Baltimore City Council President
Members of the Baltimore City Council
City Hall
100 North Holliday Street Room 408
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Madam President and Members of the City Council,

This is written in support of City Council Bill 08-0075 which would provide \$3.0 million to make improvements at a number of our neighborhood library facilities. Neighborhood libraries fulfill a number of important roles in communities functioning as safe havens and homework centers for our youth and providing meeting rooms for businesses and community groups. The Library has an aging building infrastructure with deficiencies in the areas of accessibility, structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems. In addition, the world has changed in areas of technology, communications, and service delivery requiring that facilities be modernized to meet the needs of customers. If approved this funding would be used in Fiscal Years 2010-2011 to make needed improvements at our Canton, Waverly, and Hampden library facilities.

We request your support of City Council Bill 08-0075 and thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Carla Hayden
Executive Director
Enoch Pratt Free Library

