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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 23-0163R - Informational Hearing - Baltimore City Disaster Preparedness	M E M O	

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TO: The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400 City Hall
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

The Baltimore City Office of Information and Technology (BCIT) has completed its review of Council Bill 23-0163R. The purpose of this bill is to invite representatives from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the Baltimore City Fire Department, the Baltimore Police Department (BPD), the Department of Transportation (DOT), Baltimore City Information Technology, and other relevant stakeholders to brief the City Council on the City's level of preparedness for a disaster, including relevant plans and procedures for natural or biological disasters, acts of terrorism, and major cybersecurity threats.

BCIT revamped the City's information security incident response plan in FY22 and updated it in FY23. As a part of that conversion, BCIT reviewed the incident response plan with the OEM and aligned the information security incident levels with OEM operational levels. BCIT also worked with OEM to co-sponsor, plan and execute a cyber incident tabletop exercise with leaders from the largest city agencies in FY22 and more recently in February 2023, including leaders from DOT, BPD, the Comptroller, Mayor's Office, the Department of Housing & Community Development, the Department of Public Works, and the City Council. BCIT recognizes that ransomware continues to be the biggest cybersecurity threat to the City of Baltimore. BCIT has also upgraded or replaced nearly all our cybersecurity tools used to detect and prevent an incident. We look forward to attending and participating in the upcoming hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact Leyla Layman, Chief of Staff, at (443) 202-4511.

cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, Interim Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations