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	SUBJECT	COUNCIL BILL 08-0146		

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TO The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle,
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100 N. Holliday Street

Recommended Position:

Thanks to the work of the City Council in 1976, the Wage Commission is proud to say that we are the first City in the U.S. to establish a Living Wage Law.

Since the Living Wage law, Art. 5, Subtitle 26, was modeled after the City's Prevailing Wage Law, Art. 5 Subtitle 25, much of the language is overlapping. Many people, both in and out of City government have found this overlapping language confusing in making the distinctions between the City's Prevailing Wage Law (City of Baltimore construction contracts) and the City's Living Wage Law (City of Baltimore service contracts). Council Bill 08-0145 will eliminate this confusion by clarifying the language in the two Ordinances.

There is no fiscal impact to this bill.

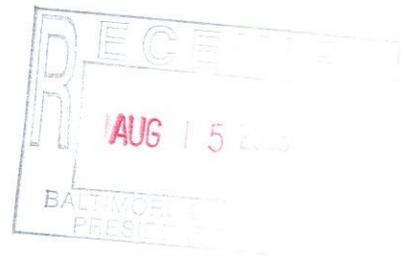
No conflicts exist between State or Federal law or regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Executive Director

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