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	Agency Name & Address	Health Department 210 Guilford Ave.			
	Subject	Council Bill 08-0131- Zoning - Conditional Use - Convalescent, Nursing, and Rest Home (Assisted Living) - 3615 Gwynn Oak Avenue			

To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o
409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to respond to Council Bill 08-0131. The purpose of the bill is to permit, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a convalescent, nursing, and rest home (assisted living) on the property known as 3615 Gwynn Oak Avenue

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) processes assisted living facilities for licensure.

The BCHD Adult and Geriatric Health Services is responsible for monitoring personal care services provided in these facilities. In addition, the BCHD Office of Environmental Health addresses issues related the facility such as infestations, food preparation areas, and ventilation.

There is a continuing need in Baltimore City for housing for the frail and elderly, and we support the proposed project with the provision that the property is in compliance with COMAR 10.07.14, Title 10, Assisted Living Programs.

Cc: Angela Gibson

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