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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 25-0012 - Supplementary Special Revenue Fund
Operating Appropriation – Baltimore City Health Department – \$2,000,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 25-0012 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the Baltimore City Health Department – Service 307 (Health - Substance Use Disorder) to provide funding for staffing and support costs for opioid response and recovery strategies. The money for this supplementary appropriation is excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

Section 8(b)(2)(iii) of Article VI of the City Charter permits a supplementary appropriation when there has been “a material change in circumstances, or additional appropriations for new programs that could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates” for the fiscal year. 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).

As there are no legal impediments to this bill, the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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