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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 14-0359 Tax Credits – Citywide High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing		

TO

DATE:

April 24, 2014

The Honorable President and Members of City Council
 City Hall 4th floor
 100 N. Holliday Street

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Office of Sustainability (BoS). The BoS has reviewed the **City Council Bill #14-0359** Citywide High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing.

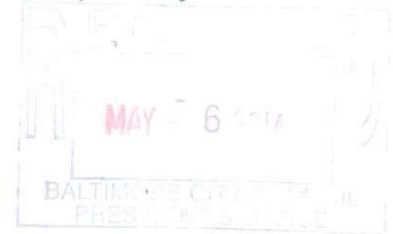
The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009, and the Climate Action Plan (CAP), adopted on November 29, 2012 by Planning Commission:

- Sustainability Plan, Pollution Prevention Goal 1: Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 15% by the year 2015.
- Sustainability Plan, Resource Conservation Goal 1: Reduce energy usage by 15% by the year 2015.
- Climate Action Plan (CAP), ESS1: Reduce energy consumption of existing buildings.
- Climate Action Plan (CAP), ESS2: Promote the generation of renewable energy.
- Climate Action Plan (CAP), GGC2: Improve water efficiency
- Climate Action Plan (CAP), LUT1: Create high-quality pedestrian and transit-orientated neighborhoods

CCB #14-0359 will assist in creating a more sustainable Baltimore and a more energy efficient Baltimore by requiring buildings to meet the State’s definition of a “High Performance Building” in order to receive tax credits.

The Office of Sustainability supports this bill, and encourages a favorable response by the City Council.

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