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To: President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) has reviewed City Council Resolution 10-0226R Informational Hearing - One PLUS ONE. The purpose of this resolution is to bring together the Director of Public Works, the Commissioner of Housing, the Chief of the Bureau of Solid Waste, and the Deputy Commissioner for Code Enforcement to report to the City Council on the effectiveness of and progress in implementing the City's One PLUS ONE trash and recycling collection program. In order to review the financial impact of this program, this informational hearing aims to compare the revenue collected from citations issued for code violations under the One PLUS ONE program, in comparison to the old system. The August 2010 implementation of the One PLUS ONE trash and recycling collection in the Downtown Service Area completed the transition of the City's solid waste collections to the new system of one mixed refuse and one recycling pick up each week.

As authorized by Baltimore City's Health Code, the Health Department's Environmental Health Division (EH) oversees Health Code compliance for Baltimore City. EH is responsible for ensuring that businesses with food licenses, child and family day care centers, child care centers, schools, tattoo operations, and swimming pools comply with both City and State laws and regulations. Compliance includes proper disposal of trash and debris and the maintenance of properties in a clean and sanitary manner. Complaints about trash on residential property, non-food facilities and City property do not fall under Health's purview, and are forwarded to the agencies with jurisdiction over such matters, such as Public Works, Housing, and Zoning. Since the implementation of this program, BCHD has not seen an increase in waste disposal violations, the only component of this new program over we have any jurisdiction.

As it aligns with our mission to promote the health and well-being of Baltimore City residents, the Health Department encourages recycling and other "green" activities that aim to reduce pollution and generally contribute to the overall health and well-being. While we appreciate the opportunity afforded to us by City Council Resolution 10-0226R to discuss the One PLUS ONE program, we respectfully defer to those agencies with larger roles in the program for this hearing and subsequent discussion on its success and impact.

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