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**Baltimore City Council President
Members of the Baltimore City Council
City Hall
100 North Holliday Street Room 408
Baltimore, MD 21202**

Dear President and Members of the City Council,

This is written in support of City Council Bill 18-0214 which would provide \$65.0 million in Bond Funds for Recreation, Parks and Public Facilities including neighborhood libraries. The Enoch Pratt Free Library has 21 neighborhood libraries that fulfill a number of important roles in communities. They provide access to resources in all formats, to skilled reference librarians, function as safe havens and homework centers for our children and youth, and provide meeting rooms for businesses and community groups. The Library has an aging building infrastructure with deficiencies in the areas of accessibility, structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems. In addition, the world has changed in areas of technology, communications, and service delivery requiring that facilities be modernized to meet the needs of customers. If approved this funding would be used in Fiscal Years 2020-2021 to make needed improvements at our Forest Park and Walbrook branch libraries and allow those facilities to continue to provide vital City services to those communities.

We request your support of City Council Bill 18-0643 and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Heidi Daniel
CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library