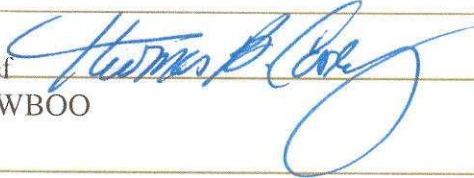
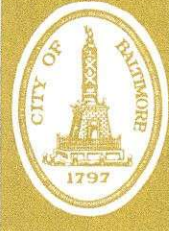


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DATE: October 23, 2013

**TO**

Honorable President and Members of  
 The City Council  
 c/o Ms. Karen Randle  
 Executive Secretary  
 City Hall, Room 400



Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

City Council Bill 13-0266 extends the Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise Program from December 31, 2013 to April 30, 2014. The Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity believes the extension is critical and strongly supports this bill.

The Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise Program is being extended to allow completion of a disparity study of the City’s procurement activities covering fiscal years 2007 through 2011. The study provides continuing compliance with constitutional mandates necessary to maintain a race and gender-based affirmative action contracting program.

The four-month extension proposed by the current bill will provide adequate time to complete the study, review the recommendations for legal compliance, and to draft the appropriate legislation to be presented to the City Council for its action.

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Cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor  
 Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor  
 Angela Gibson, City Council Liaison

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