



October 24, 2013

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall

RE: City Council Bill 13-0186 - Amended

Dear Honorable Council President and Members of the City Council:

I am herein reporting on the Amended City Council Bill 13-0186 introduced by Council Members Spector, Welch, Kraft, and Reisinger.

The original purpose of the Bill was to prohibit a person from soliciting while the person is occupying or standing in or on any roadway, lane divider, or shoulder; defining certain terms; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the regulation of soliciting and aggressive soliciting. And it would have, if approved, repealed and re-ordained, with amendments Article 19 – Police Ordinances, Sections 47-1 and 47-4 of the Baltimore City Code – 2000 Edition.

The Mayor's Office of Human Services – Homeless Services program, was in favor of the original language, because it strengthened the already existing Ordinance, thus providing greater safety protections for motorists, pedestrians, and persons who are soliciting.

However, the Amended version of the Bill changes the intent of the original Bill – increased safety – and further marginalizes the population we are designed to serve. We do not support the Bill as currently amended.

Sincerely,

Kate Briddell
Director – Homeless Services Program

Conform. as amended

