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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 18-0252 – Urban Renewal – York-Woodbourne  
Business Area – Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0252 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill reauthorizes, for an additional four years, the currently existing condemnation authority for certain properties located in the York-Woodbourne Business Area. Reauthorization is required to comply with Section 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code, which was enacted in 2007. This law terminated any then existing state or local condemnation authority as of July 1, 2011 and required that it be reauthorized. See 2007 Laws of Md., ch. 305, §3. The first reauthorization was done via City Council Bill 10-0633. This bill is the next required reauthorization of the existing condemnation authority for the York-Woodbourne Urban Renewal Area.

Any changes in an Urban Renewal plan, such as these changes, must be made by ordinance. City Code, Art. 13, §2-6(g). Accordingly, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 18-0252 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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