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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Fourth Floor, City Hall  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

**Re: Bill 11-766 {"Animal Control and Protection – Reconstitution"}**

You have referred Bill 11-766 {"Animal Control and Protection – Reconstitution"} to the Ethics Board for comment on that part of the Bill that proposes modifications to City Code Article 8 {"Ethics"}.

The purpose of Bill 11-766 is to rewrite the laws relating to the control and protection of animals. Among other things, the Bill proposes to create a new Animal Hearing Board, with broad jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate disputes. To that end, the Bill also would add the members of the Animal Hearing Board to the lists of those required to file periodic financial disclosure statements under the Ethics Code.

Given the powers and duties that would be exercised by this Animal Hearing Board, the addition of its members to the list of public servants required to file disclosure statements is most appropriate and, indeed, essential.

Accordingly, the Ethics Board concurs with and recommends the bill's proposed amendment to Article 8.

Very truly yours,



Avery Aisenstark

xc: The Honorable James B. Kraft  
Ms. Angela Gibson

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