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

Re: City Council Bill 14-0416 - Franchise – Correction of Ord. 06-293

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0416 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends Ordinance 06-293 to correct an error in the description and stated size of the franchise area and provides for a correction to the resultant franchise charge. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

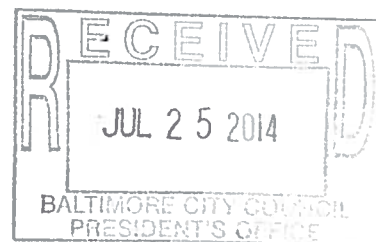
The Baltimore City Charter requires that any given franchise be granted by ordinance containing the terms and conditions of the grant. City Charter, Art. VIII, § 1. A bill granting a franchise must be referred to the Board of Estimates (“BOE”) after first reading. City Charter, Art. VIII, § 2. Thereafter, the BOE is empowered to establish by vote or resolution the compensation paid to the City and may alter the terms and conditions under which a franchise is granted. *Id.* The compensation and the terms and conditions approved by the BOE must be attached to the bill before the bill can be enacted. *Id.*

Assuming the above procedural requirements are met, the Law Department will approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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