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June 8, 2011

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council City Hall, Room 407 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear President Young and Members of the Baltimore City Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Baltimore Convention Center regarding City Council Bill 11-0693 - Living Wages for Work Under Service Contracts. The Baltimore Convention Center has an agreement with Centerplate for all food and beverage services in the facility. This City contract addresses the requirement for Centerplate to comply with the Living Wage Ordinance. Centerplate does comply with the Ordinance and their wages, in fact, exceed the minimum rate of \$10.59 per hour and they follow the overtime provisions specified in the Ordinance.

The Baltimore Convention Center, therefore, does not see a justification to change the Living Wage Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Peggy Daidakis **Executive Director** 

