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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 14-0436 – Official City Slogan – “Baltimore-Birthplace of the Star-Spangled Banner”

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0436 for form and legal sufficiency. Bill 436 is for the purpose of establishing “Baltimore-Birthplace of the Star-Spangled Banner” as the official slogan of the City of Baltimore.

Article II, Subsection 47 of the Baltimore City Charter gives the Mayor and City Council the authority

to pass any ordinance, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter or the laws of the State, which it may deem proper in the exercise of any of the powers, either express or implied, enumerated in this Charter, as well as any ordinance as it may deem proper in maintaining the peace, good government, health and welfare of Baltimore City

City Council Bill 14-0436 is an appropriate exercise of the authority granted in Art. II, Section 47. Accordingly, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 14-0436 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor
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