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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 22-0306 – Supplemental General Fund Operating Appropriation – Health  
Department – \$32,000,000.00

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 22-0306 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$32,000,000.00 to the Baltimore City Health Department. The money is from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2022. The appropriation would pay Fiscal Year 2022 expenses for Emergency Services provided by the Health Department. The bill is effective on the date it is enacted.

City Charter Art. VI, § 8(b)(2)(iii) permits a supplementary appropriation when there has been “a material change in circumstances, or additional appropriations for new programs that could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates” for the fiscal year. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance. The ordinance must identify the source of the funds and may only involve a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” City Charter, Art. VI, § 8(c). The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth  
Special Solicitor

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