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TO:

Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 22-0131R introduced by Council Members Porter, Stokes, Burnett, and Cohen.

The purpose of the Resolution is to invite representatives from the Departments of Baltimore Police, Health, Public Works, Housing and Community Development, the Office of Animal Control, and the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, to brief the City Council on the City's current resources, protections, and capabilities to address and mitigate animal abuse, as well as the role and responsibilities of the Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission.

Ordinance 10-369 established the Mayor's Anti-Abuse Animal Advisory Commission. The Commission is made up of 26 members, 15 of which are appointed members and 11 of which are agency representatives. The purpose of the Commission is to research and advise on ways to eradicate animal abuse, increase awareness of animal cruelty laws, legislation to protect animals and prosecute abusers, training on how to handle animal abuse cases humanely and assure best collection of evidence to prosecute abusers, foster improved responses to incidences of animal cruelty, and methods for improved training for animal control officers for their protection and the protection of the animals. The Department of Public Works is not a listed member of the Commission.

The Department of Public Works defers to the Departments of Health and Housing and Community Development on City Council Resolution 22-0131R.

for

Dr. Jason W. Mitchell

Director