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Testimony 22-0265 - 3818 Roland Avenue Historic Landmark Favorable February 7, 2022

Honorable Chairwoman Middleton and Distinguished Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for City Council bill 22-0265 establishing 3818 Roland as a potential historic landmark.

This property – 3818 Roland – was recently designated a potential historic landmark by this body a few weeks ago. CHAP has approved this legislation to establish 3818 as an historic landmark.

The property is located in the Hampden neighborhood, across the street from colorful row homes and sandwiched between homes and the entrance to the senior high rise Roland View Towers. The building's architecture is unique in the community and therefore grandeur of the property stands out, which residents have always enjoyed.

CHAP qualified this property as Historic based on criteria 1 and 3 that CHAP uses. Catherine Chambers who lived in this building was one of the first, if not the first, women to own property in Baltimore City, at this property. In addition the historic architecture is stunning and should be preserved.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, I can be reached on 443-801-8137 or odette.ramos@baltimorecity.gov.

Sincerely,

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