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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 23-0153R – Investigative Hearing – Vacant Building

Water Shut-Offs

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0153R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution calls on representatives from various agencies to appear before City Council to discuss water shut-offs in vacant buildings.

A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to express its views on a particular matter. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium,* 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988). Therefore, the Law Department approves this Resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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