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January 17, 2025

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 25-0007 - Supplementary Special Revenue Fund  
Operating Appropriation – Mayor’s Office of Recovery Programming –  
\$270,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 25-0007 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$270,000 to the Mayor’s Office of Recovery Programming – Service 916 (Opioid Restitution Administration) to provide funding for additional positions to oversee grants awarded through the Opioid Restitution Fund. The money for this supplementary appropriation is excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

Section 8(b)(2)(iii) of Article VI of the City Charter 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).

As there are no legal impediments to this bill, the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson, City Solicitor

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