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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attention: Karen Randall, Executive Secretary
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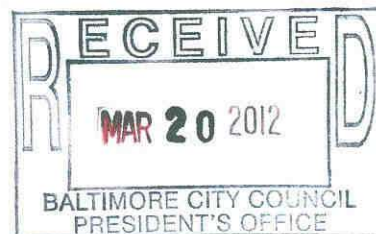
City Council Resolution Number 12-0032R, Water Bill Tax Lien Moratorium, calls for a moratorium of the inclusion of properties in City Tax Sales solely based on unpaid water and sewer charges for a period of two years, or until the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance can demonstrate to the Council that a viable and fair system of billing is in place.

In order to maintain its independence, the Department of Audits can neither support nor object to this legislation. However, Audits' report, entitled *Review of Allegations Regarding Water and Waste Water Billing Procedures to Determine the Validity of those Allegations and Identify Opportunities for Improvement*, dated February 2, 2012 and presented to the Board of Estimates on February 22, 2012, has been made available to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: Honorable Joan M. Pratt, Comptroller
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