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

> City Council Bill 12-0042 - Bond Issue - Baltimore Museum of Art Loan Re: - \$500,000

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0049 (Bond Issue - Baltimore Museum of Art Loan - \$500,000) for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would authorize the Mayor and City Council to create a debt not exceeding \$500,000 (the "Debt") for purposes of improving the facilities, operations, functions, and activities of the Baltimore Museum of Art.

The intent of the bill is to ensure that the Debt is created as a general obligation of the City, pursuant to Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of Maryland. The bill also contains provisions concerning the use of the funds, the issuance of the bonds, and other matters. After approval by the Mayor and City Council, the ordinance will be presented to the voters for approval on November 6 2012.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 12-0042 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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