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

Re: Bill 12-0151 {"City Audits Commission"}

Dear President and Council Members,

You have asked the Office of Inspector General for its comment on Bill 12-0151 {"City Audits Commission"}.

The primary purpose of the Bill is stated as "establishing a Baltimore City Audits Commission" and "generally relating to oversight of the City's external and internal audit activities." The primary function of the Bill is to "provide oversight of the city's external and internal audit activities.

The Office of Inspector General supports each Bill that is designed to increase oversight, coordinate efforts where feasible, and enhance transparency. The Inspector General is willing to serve in an advisory capacity as a non-voting member of the Audit Commission to the extent that those duties do not present conflicts of interest with the efforts of the OIG.

Given the increasing complexity of contracts and contract administration, the Office of Inspector General supports this provision as a positive effort to enhance oversight efforts and provide better information to City decision makers.

Very truly yours.

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Inspector General

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