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To: President and Members

of the City Council c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill 15-0220R – Informational Hearing – Cleaner Streets. The purpose of this bill is to call on agencies to appear before the City Council to discuss the City's plan for cleaner streets and neighborhoods, the current results of this plan, and what additional steps can be taken to progress towards a cleaner Baltimore.

The Health Department supports the Cleaner Streets initiative as a valuable tool to ensure and promote the cleanliness of our City. The Health Department currently does not have any oversight or authority over this program. Due to current resource constraints, BCHD is unable to offer additional oversight, enforcement or implementation assistance. BCHD would be happy to meet with the Department of Public Works and other city agencies to discuss how existing Health Department Programs could collaborate with this initiative and be used to support Cleaner Streets.

BCHD supports this legislation and appreciates the opportunity to discuss this important issue. We will be present at the hearing to answer any questions the Council may have on this matter.

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