

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM:

William H. Cole, President and

DATE:

August 10, 2016

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 16-0714

Rezoning – 5501 Pulaski Highway

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 16-0714, an ordinance for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 5501 Pulaski Highway, from the M-2-1 Zoning District to the B-3 Zoning District.

The subject property is located in a contiguous industrial area with access to rail and interstate highway. Rezoning the property to a non-industrial use would begin to erode a viable industrial area, and could threaten the ability of other industrial uses in the area to successfully operate amid the conflicts with retail and commercial users that would inevitably arise.

To protect the continued viability of Baltimore's prime industrial areas that are uninterrupted by other uses and have interstate and rail access, BDC does not support this bill.

cc:

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