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	Subject	18-0236 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation - Health Department - \$465,000		

**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 #18-0236 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation - Health Department - \$465,000. The purpose of this legislation is to provide state funding for the development of the Sexual Health and Wellness Center that will house Ryan White, STI, and other programs.

BCHD clinics provide care to some of Baltimore's most vulnerable residents regardless of insurance status, many of whom would not be assisted by the healthcare system otherwise. With this in mind, BCHD intends to relocate its clinic located at 620 N. Caroline Street to a more modern, secure facility at 1200 E. Fayette Street. The current clinic location has, unfortunately, closed multiple times due to break-ins, broken down boilers, power outages that caused ongoing electric problems, and other facility issues, causing reduced services to the community.

At present, the Caroline Street facility serves more than 38,000 individuals with over 51,000 visits annually. In addition to housing Ryan White and STI programs, the clinic provides childhood and adult immunizations, tuberculosis screening and treatment, dental exams, family planning services, and a number of wraparound services. The state funds allocated toward the newly renovated facility at 1200 E. Fayette Street will allow BCHD to expand its capacity for all of these programs and services.

For the forgoing reasons, the Health Department urges a favorable report on Council Bill #18-0236.