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

Re: City Council Bill 18- ____ - Charter Amendment - Inalienability of Sewer and
Water-Supply Systems

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has been asked to review City Council Bill 18-____ for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the City Charter to declare the inalienability of the City's sewer system and water-supply system. The bill also exempts the sewer and water-supply systems, their operations and uses, from the Charter provisions authorizing the temporary grant of franchises or rights relating to the operation or use of public property or places that have been declared inalienable. The bill submits this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

The substance of the bill presents no legal impediments.

Under Article XI-A, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council, such as this City Council Bill, is an appropriate method of initiating an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter. The Law Department, therefore, approves the resolution for form and legal sufficiency as drafted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor Tervalo".

Victor K. Tervalo
Chief Solicitor

**cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
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