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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #18-0306 – Health Code - Clean Air Regulation		

DATE:

TO

January 29, 2019

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

The Commission on Sustainability is in receipt of City Council Bill #18-0306 for the purpose of regulating the emissions from commercial solid waste incinerators; requiring the continuous monitoring of certain pollutants; setting emissions limits for certain pollutants; requiring the production and public disclosure of certain emissions reports; requiring commercial solid waste incinerators to allow certain inspections; and generally relating to clean air regulations.

The framework and intent of this bill addresses a goal of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009: Pollution Prevention Goal #1: Improve Baltimore’s air quality and eliminate Code Red days

The framework and intent also address efforts outlined in the new 2019 Sustainability Plan (which has been approved by the Sustainability Commission but not yet adopted by the Planning Commission or the City Council):

- Clean Air Strategy #1: 1. Reduce emissions from industrial operations to reduce harm to people living nearby.
- Action 1: Encourage state-of-the-art pollution controls on all “point source pollution” emitters and improve review of the effect of new permit applications for air pollution sources, particularly those in and near zip codes with high asthma hospitalization rates.

On January 29, 2019, the Commission on Sustainability finalized a vote regarding this legislation: Support/In-Favor: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1

It was the consensus of the Commission on Sustainability to support City Council Bill # 18-0306.

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