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The Honorable Brandon Scott, President
and Members of the Baltimore City Council
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street, Suite 400
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear President Scott and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to urge favorable consideration of Council Bill 20-0496 entitled, "An Ordinance concerning Records Management – Modernizing, Correcting, and Conforming."

This initiative simply brings the City Code up to date to be in accord with Maryland State law requirements for records management. It also more firmly establishes the City's Records Officer as policy point person for City government. This measure will help with our collective efforts to establish and maintain an effective records management program for the City.

The Maryland State Archives has enjoyed a productive working relationship with the City Archives for many years. We continue to work in partnership with the City to make the records at the Baltimore City Archives on Mathews Street available to City agencies and to the public. This Bill will help us improve records management in Baltimore City to the benefit of Baltimore City government and the public.

I urge passage of this Bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Timothy D. Baker
State Archivist and
Commissioner of Land Patents