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	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 21-0095 – Labor Trafficking Notice Requirements		

DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400

August 31, 2021

Position: Favorable

The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS) has been asked to respond to City Council Resolution 21-0095 introduced by Councilmembers s Burnett, Cohen, Dorsey, and Bullock.

Background

This Resolution calls for certain contractors for the City of Baltimore to post a notice regarding the human-trafficking prevention hotline, available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign website in certain locations; providing for certain penalties; and generally relating to labor trafficking notice requirements for city contractors.

MOHS funds many providers through various funding mechanisms, including Baltimore City General Funds, State of Maryland funds, and federal funds – primarily through grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). MOHS does not directly control work spaces or contracts as described in this Resolution, specifically construction contractors as specified in §26A-1 (1). MOHS providers are contracted primarily as Professional Services Contracts, which are not specifically addressed by this legislation.

MOHS has many requirements for sub-grantees whose activities are funded through MOHS, and were the City of Baltimore to require certain notices at their facilities, where it did not contradict federal regulations and provisions of federal grants, MOHS would support the posting of information about the human-trafficking prevention hotline and labor trafficking as described in this Resolution.

Conclusion

The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services strongly supports the City's efforts to ensure that all workers receive information about their rights and to mitigate impacts of labor trafficking and exploitation.

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