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TO: The Honorable President and Members Of the Baltimore City Council

Dear Mr. President and Members:

The Baltimore City Environmental Control Board (ECB) was asked to review City Council Bill # 21-0124, Corrective Bill 2021 – Definitions; Rules of Interpretation; Time Computations. The purpose of the bill is to repeal the many definitions and rules of statutory interpretation and time computation that have been superseded by the enactment of Code-wide, standardized definitions and rules; clarify certain purposeful variations; and provide for a special effective date.

The ECB is an administrative hearing board, created under Article 1, Section 40, that adjudicates contested environmental citations issued by various City agencies. The proposed Corrective Bill would remove the definition of "person" from Article 1, Section 40 and redirect readers to the City General Provisions Article, Section 1-107 which contains a Code-wide standard definition of "person."

The removal of the definition will not have an impact on ECB operations since the definition of "person" still exists elsewhere within the City Code. For this reason, the ECB has no objection to the passage of this bill.

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