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	Subject: Position:	21-0131 – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Health \$22,620,168 FAVORABLE		

To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review City Council bill #21-0131, entitled “Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Health \$22,620,168.” This legislation seeks to provide a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$22,620,168 to the Department of Health – Service 315 (Emergency Services - Health).

The BCHD incurred expenditures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, including older adult food insecurity programs, vaccine administration and personnel, and expenses related to sheltering and quarantining vulnerable populations. This appropriation is required to bring our FY21 budget into balance, and is necessary due to the increased costs related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA funding will be used to cover these supplemental expenses.

For the above reasons, BCHD urges a **favorable report** on City Council bill #21-0131. We look forward to attending the hearing and answering any questions the Council may have.