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SB0482

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TO: Members of the House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of the Mayor's Office of Government Relations

RE: Senate Bill 482 - Governor's Office for Children - Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments, and Households (ENOUGH) Grant Program
ENOUGH Act of 2024

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 482.

SB482 will codify the Governor's Office for Children, establish the ENOUGH Grant Fund and add a requirement for the Governor to include an appropriation of \$15 million to the Enough Grant Fund. The ENOUGH Act will allow for substantial investment in communities throughout Maryland that have been disinvested in for decades.

Communities with high rates of child poverty will now have the resources to significantly decrease the effects of child poverty once this bill is passed. Members of these targeted communities will be able to learn and live in safe and thriving environments.

In order to fully tackle the historic disinvestment that has taken place throughout our communities, we as Marylanders need to utilize every tool available to us. SB482 will become another vital tool in the fight against poverty.

For the above reasons, the BCA respectfully requests a **favorable** report on SB 482.