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RE: Support for HB0451 Real Property - Residential Rental Property Inspection - Remote Video Inspection

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Delegate Henson's HB0451 Real Property - Residential Rental Property Inspection - Remote Video Inspection. I am the Director of Planning and Zoning, the agency that is tasked with all inspections of rental property in the City.

The current Covid pandemic has shown us that new approaches to rental inspections are desperately needed—for the safety of the residents of individual units and for the safety of staff that carries out these inspections. Above and beyond the ability to perform remote inspections, however, is a need for the establishment of criteria and guidelines for some of the concerns that arise with remote inspections. This includes how to document the inspection and ensure that the quality of the inspection is the same as an in-person inspection.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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