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Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SB 0462 Public Utilities – Low-Income Housing – Energy Performance Targets

Dear Chair Kelly:

The City Council voted unanimously on February 2, 2021 to support SB 0462, legislation to help reduce the energy bill burdens and housing quality challenges faced by low-income Marylanders. According to the *Maryland Low-Income Market Characterization Report* released in 2018, low-income households in Maryland current pay a very high percentage of income on energy costs. Current Department of Housing and Community Development programs reach only a small percentage of eligible households.

SB 0462 would guarantee energy efficiency benefits to hundreds of thousands of low-income people, reducing energy costs for those needing it the most.

On behalf of the City Council, I respectfully urge you to pass Senate Bill 0462.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Wojahn
Mayor

cc: Maryland 21st District Delegation