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**SB 320**

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**TO:** Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

**FROM:** Natasha Mehu, Director of Government Relations

**RE:** Senate Bill 320 - Mold Inspections and Remediation – Standards, Reporting, Penalties, and Tax Credit

**POSITION: Support**

Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** Senate Bill 320 - Mold Inspections and Remediation – Standards, Reporting, Penalties, and Tax Credit.

Senate Bill 320 establishes uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation; authorizing a tenant to deposit the tenant's rent in an escrow account under certain circumstances and authorizing a tax credit for taxpayers of certain residential properties who incur mold remediation costs.

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) supports SB 320 as mold is known to have adverse health outcomes. HABC currently has procedures in place in both its Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs for addressing and responding to reports of mold and moisture infiltration that align with the intent of this legislation. This bill strengthens our commitment to addressing the health needs in our communities.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report on Senate Bill 320.