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HB 478

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TO: Members of the Ways and Means Committee
FROM: Natasha Mehu, Director, Office of Government Relations
RE: House Bill 478 – Economic Development – Enterprise Zone Program – Alterations
POSITION: OPPOSE

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Washington, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **opposes** House Bill (HB) 478.

HB 478 maintains the Enterprise Zone program but institutes a limit of \$500,000 per year on how much any one business or parcel can receive under the program and creates a sunset date for the program on January 1, 2030. The Enterprise Zone Program has been instrumental in attracting new businesses and investment to Baltimore City. The Administration is concerned with issuing the \$500,000 cap and terminating the entire program in 2030.

We respectfully request an **unfavorable** report on House Bill 478.