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HB0399

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TO: Members of the Ways and Means Committee

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

RE: House Bill 399 - Baltimore City - Raffles - Organizations Affiliated with a Professional Major League Baseball Team

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 399.

HB 399 would allow organizations affiliated with a professional major league baseball team, with a home in Baltimore City, to conduct raffles, after receiving a proper permit from the City.

Currently, the Baltimore Orioles are one of two Major League Baseball teams that do not conduct 50/50 raffles. HB 399 would amend current State statute to allow the Orioles to conduct said raffles for every home game, and allow fans located within the City to participate.

This bill would not have a large fiscal or operational impact on City operations, and we believe it would have a positive effect on the City, our residents and region at large.

For the above stated reasons, the BCA respectfully requests a **favorable** report on HB 399.