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**HB1178**

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**TO:** Members of the House Ways and Means Committee

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

**RE:** House Bill 1178 - Baltimore City - Property Taxes - Authority to Set Special Rates

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkings, and members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 1178.

HB 1178 authorizes the City of Baltimore to establish special property tax rates for any class or subclass of property that is subject to the City property tax.

The Scott Administration has made significant strides in eliminating vacant and blighted properties over the last four years. Additional tools and resources are always needed to continue to build upon the efforts undertaken to continue developing our neighborhoods. By allowing Baltimore City to establish additional classes and subclasses of properties and assign relevant property tax rates for those classes and subclasses, it provides the needed flexibility to responsibly grow and develop our City and builds upon the efforts of HB 2, passed during the 2024 General Assembly Session, which allows all jurisdictions to establish a specific subclass related to vacant housing.

For the above stated reasons, the BCA respectfully request a **favorable** report on HB 1178.