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HB 0087

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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 HB 0087 – Short-Term Rentals and Home Amenity Rentals - Taxation, Regulation, and Crimes

POSITION: Support with Amendment

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports with amendment** House Bill (HB) 0087.

The Baltimore City Council passed Ordinance 19-217 (Council Bill 18-0189) establishing several requirements for Short-Term rentals, including the licensing of such units. In Baltimore City, a Short-Term Rental is a rental of all or a portion of your home for periods of less than 90 nights. Both hosted (owner-occupied) and un-hosted (non-owner occupied) units must be registered and licensed.

In order to obtain a rental license to rent your home as Short-Term Rental, the property must:

- 1) be your principal residence;
- 2) be deeded in your name (the name of an individual, not a company); and
- 3) be free of any code violations.

The BCA would recommend a friendly amendment on page 4 after lines 6-15, to add that the comptroller shall share the annual report with the local jurisdictions. This will help Baltimore City and other local jurisdictions better monitor and implement their local Short-Term rentals programs.

For these reasons, the BCA respectfully request **amendment and favorable** report on HB 0087.