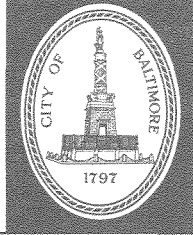


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Dear Secretary Wilson,

Thank you for your time this morning. In the wake of the recent findings at Swann Park, we discussed the benefits of the Maryland Department of the Environment undertaking a review of the hazardous waste sites in the city and their neighboring uses. If this review finds the potential for undiscovered contamination at a park or other similar location from a hazardous waste site, the Maryland Department of Environment would oversee appropriate evaluation.

This review would assure that there is not another situation analogous to Swann Park elsewhere in the city, but as yet undiscovered.

As health commissioner of Baltimore, I support this step. I look forward to its progress and outcome, and to sharing the results with the citizens of Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner of Health

