

The Honorable Dana P. Moore, Esq
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Dear Ms. Moore:

As concerned residents of Baltimore City's 10th District, and Council Candidates in the district, we thank you and your staff for your defense of the Baltimore Clean Air Act. Given the ruling last week by U.S. District Court Judge George Russell Jr, we urge you to file an immediate appeal of this decision. We strongly support both the need and justifiable right for Baltimore City to build upon the environmental protection base laid by Federal and State laws.

While we each acknowledge our candidacy to represent Baltimore's 10th District, we come to you first as residents of the district. It is our District that is the epicenter of environmental harm caused by local incinerators. The families of our community are the most directly impacted by the decision. Therefore, we jointly assert that if there is any portion of this City that has borne the brunt of environmental damage in service of greater economic development and easier disposal of waste, it is ours. Legislation such as the Baltimore Clean Air Act is intended to finally bring communities like ours the help we need to stop further damage. We are writing because enough is enough, and we need your support to ensure that our voices, and that of our neighbors, are heard. Together, we jointly urge your office to stand with us and continue to defend Baltimore's Clean Air Act.

Of all levels of government, the City is the most grassroots – most constituent focused – and has the ability to make the most direct impact in the lives of Baltimore residents. The incinerators that would be impacted by the Baltimore Clean Air Act are both located in District 10, and cause great harm to the physical health of too many lives in our district. These incinerators are harmfully impacting our youth, seniors, and the in-between. The incinerators' environmental damage will take generations to repair. This is personal to us.

It is a testament to the importance of this issue that we are taking the exceedingly rare step of joining together, as competitors, in common purpose in this request. We seek election to better serve all residents of Baltimore, as you and your staff serve us. While this request is sent from one of our addresses, each of us will be cc'd on the email, and we ask that for purposes of transparency and collaboration, that we all be kept in the conversation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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