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City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Statement On the Passage of Baltimore's Smoking Ban

(Baltimore, MD) February 26, 2007 – I am energized by this evening's vote, and am proud to be the President of a City Council that takes the health of Baltimoreans so seriously.

By joining many other major U.S. cities, such as New York and Washington, D.C., Baltimore places itself at the forefront of a movement to take back our public venues, and allow citizens the ability to socialize without the threat of the deadly effects of secondhand smoke.

I thank and congratulate the members of the Council who fought so hard for the enactment of this legislation, including the bill's chief sponsor, City Council Vice President Robert Curran.

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