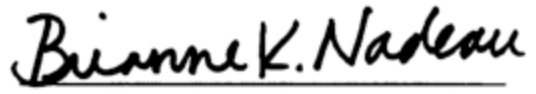
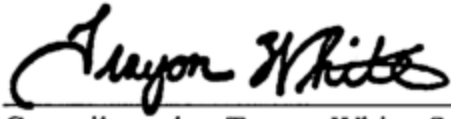


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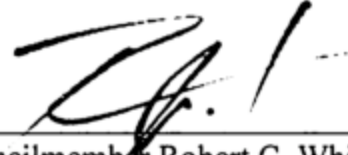
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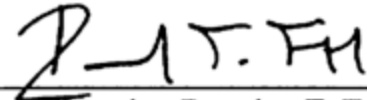
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15 A BILL

18 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

24 To amend the First Amendment Rights and Police Standards Act of 2004 to prohibit the use of
25 chemical irritants at First Amendment assemblies.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
28 act may be cited as the “Internationally Banned Chemical Weapon Prohibition Amendment Act
29 of 2020”.

30 Sec. 2. The First Amendment Rights and Police Standards Act of 2004, effective April
31 13, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-352; D.C. Official Code § 5-331.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

32 (a) Section 102 is amended by adding a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

33 “(3) “Chemical irritant” means tear gas or any chemical which can produce
34 rapidly in humans sensory irritation or disabling physical effects which disappear within a short
35 time following termination of exposure, or any substance prohibited by the Convention on the

36 Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on
37 their Destruction, Opened for Signature and Signed by the United States at Paris on January 13,
38 1993.

39 (b) Section 116(b) is amended to read as follows:

40 “(b) Chemical irritant shall not be used by MPD to disperse a First Amendment
41 assembly.

42 “(c) The Mayor shall request that any federal law enforcement agency operating in the
43 District of Columbia refrain from the use of chemical irritant to disperse a First Amendment
44 assembly.”.

45 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

46 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
47 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
48 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

49 Sec. 4. Effective date.

50 This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
51 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
52 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
53 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
54 Columbia Register.

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