



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

January 13, 2021

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
The John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration by the Council is the "January 2021 Public Emergency Extension Authorization Emergency Amendment Act of 2021" and the accompanying emergency declaration resolution. This legislation would authorize the extension of the state of emergency declared on January 6, 2021, which currently is set to expire on the afternoon of January 21, 2021.

We are in reasonable apprehension that persons who disbelieve the results of the November election of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to be the President and Vice President plan to return to Washington, DC to cause further disruption, damage, and violence, and that their actions — necessitating emergency preparedness and response — may not cease with the swearing-in ceremonies on January 20, 2021.

Under current law, however, the state of emergency may not be extended beyond January 21, 2021, without legislative action by the Council. The enclosed legislation, therefore, would authorize the state of emergency to be extended to Friday, February 5, 2021.

I urge the Council's prompt and favorable consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser", written over the printed name.

Muriel Bowser

Enclosure



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To provide, on an emergency basis, authority to the Executive to extend the declaration of a public emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "January 2021 Public Emergency Extension Authorization Emergency Amendment Act of 2021".

Sec. 2. Section 7 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981 (D.C. Law 3-149; D.C. Official Code § 7-2306), is amended by adding a new subsection (c-2) to read as follows:

"(c-2) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the Council authorizes the Mayor to extend the January 6, 2021, emergency public emergency executive order (Mayor's Order 2021-003) issued in response to the violent and riotous protests that occurred on January 6, 2021 and the inaugural activities to occur on January 20, 2021 for an additional 15-day period, to conclude at 12:00 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021. After the additional 15-day extension authorized by this subsection, the Mayor may extend the emergency order for additional 15-day periods pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section."

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

30 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
31 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
32 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

33 Sec. 4. Effective date.

34 The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
35 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
36 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
37 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813;
38 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).