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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

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

Dear Chairman Mendelson:


Enclosed for consideration by the Council are the "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2018," the "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Temporary Act of 2018," the "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Emergency Act of 2018," and the "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018." The legislation would authorize the acquisition, through the exercise of eminent domain, of certain property located on W Street NE, for warehousing and storage purposes.

The District government has a significant need for warehousing and storage for equipment, records, property, and supplies, and the District's need nearly exceeds our current capacity at our owned facilities. The Administration has identified property located on W Street, N.E., east of Brentwood Road, N.E. as a strong site for warehousing and storage purposes. Acquisition of the property will allow the District to construct and operate a warehouse and storage facility before the District runs out of owned space for these purposes. I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the enclosed legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to authorize the Mayor to acquire certain property located on W Street, N.E., through the exercise of eminent domain.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) The District government has a significant need for warehousing and storage for equipment, records, property and supplies.

(b) The District’s need for warehousing and storage is near exceeding the District’s current capacity at its owned facilities, and there is a reduction in the supply of, and limited vacancy within, warehouse space available for lease in the District.

(c) The District has identified a site located on W Street, N.E., east of Brentwood Road, N.E. (the “W Street Site”) as a strong site for warehousing and storage purposes.

(d) The W Street Site is currently occupied by a private trash transfer station.

(e) Acquisition of the W Street Site will allow the District to construct and operate a warehouse and storage facility at the W Street Site before the District runs out of owned space for these purposes.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the

33 circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it
34 necessary that the Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Emergency Act of
35 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

36 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.