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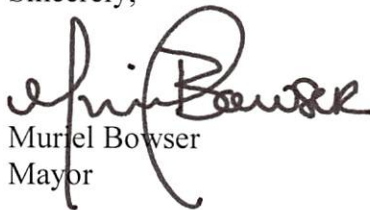
Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council is the “2020 Unemployment Compensation Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount Increase Approval Emergency Resolution of 2019,” and accompanying emergency declaration. This resolution is presented in accordance with section 7(b) of the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act (49 Stat. 946; D.C. Official Code § 51-107(b)), which requires an annual review of the Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount by the Director of the Department of Employment Services.

The “2020 Unemployment Compensation Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount Increase Approval Resolution of 2019” was filed with Council on November 8 for the statutorily required 45-day review period. That resolution is deemed to be approved on January 13, 2020. Emergency action is necessary to ensure that the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services can process unemployment compensation benefit claims at the increased rate of \$444 in a timely and effective manner, starting January 1, 2020.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the enclosed resolution. Please do not hesitate to DOES Director Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser
Mayor





Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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13 To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to the need to approve the
14 recommendation of the Director of the Department of Employment Services to increase
15 the maximum weekly benefit amount under The District of Columbia Unemployment
16 Compensation Act to \$444, effective January 5, 2020.
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution
19 may be cited as the “2020 Unemployment Compensation Maximum Weekly Benefit
20 Amount Increase Approval Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.
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22 Sec. 2. Pursuant to section 7(b)(3) of the District of Columbia Unemployment
23 Compensation Act, approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 949; D.C. Official Code § 51-107(b)(3)),
24 the Council must approve the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Employment
25 Services to increase the maximum weekly benefit amount for unemployment compensation
26 benefit claims effective January 1, 2020 to \$444. This amendment must be made by January 1,
27 2020 for the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services to process
28 unemployment compensation benefit claims at the increased rate in a timely and effective
29 manner.

30 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
31 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “2020
32 Unemployment Compensation Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount Increase Approval
33 Emergency Resolution of 2019” be adopted on an emergency basis.

34 Sec. 4. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief of Financial Officer
35 as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act
36 of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

37 Sec. 5. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its
38 adoption, the Department of Employment Services.

39 Sec. 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.