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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
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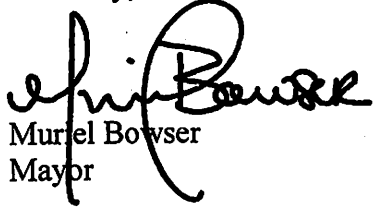
Dear Chairman Mendelson:

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 approve, on an emergency basis, the recommendation of the Director of the Department of
14 Employment Services to increase the maximum weekly benefit amount under the District
15 of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act to \$444, effective January 5, 2020.
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution
18 may be cited as the "2020 Unemployment Compensation Maximum Weekly Benefit
19 Amount Increase Emergency Approval Resolution of 2019."
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21 Sec. 2. Pursuant to section 7(b)(3) of the District of Columbia Unemployment
22 Compensation Act, approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 949; D.C. Official Code § 51-107(b)(3)),
23 the Council approves the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Employment
24 Services to increase the maximum weekly benefit amount for unemployment compensation
25 benefit claims effective January 1, 2020 to \$444.

26 Sec. 3. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief of Financial Officer
27 as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act
28 of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

29 Sec. 4. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its
30 adoption, the Department of Employment Services.

31 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gianelle Rivera
Acting Executive Director
Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

FROM: Brian K. Flowers
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: November 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review – Draft “2020 Unemployment Compensation
Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount Increase Approval Emergency
Resolution of 2019” and Accompanying Emergency Declaration Resolution
(AE-19-519 B)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft legislation and found it to be legally sufficient. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian K. Flowers', written over a horizontal line.

Brian K. Flowers