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VINCENT C. GRAY
MAYOR

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

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

I am writing to transmit the "Inspector General Qualifications Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014," the "Inspector General Qualifications Emergency Amendment Act of 2014," the "Inspector General Qualifications Temporary Amendment Act of 2014," and the "Inspector General Qualifications Amendment Act of 2014" for Council consideration.

The position of Inspector General is vital to the efficient and effective operation of the District Government. The Inspector General serves in an independent role to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse. Moreover, the Inspector General performs tasks such as managing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

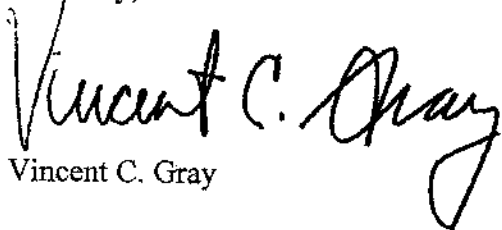
A national survey by the Department of Human Resources (DCHR) revealed that Section 208(a)(1) of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 (the Act), effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.115a), as amended by the Inspector General Qualifications Amendment Act of 2003, effective July 30, 2003 (D.C. Law 15-26), includes onerous provisions regarding the requisite qualifications for appointment as Inspector General that are not found in other state or federal statutes.

Prior to 2003, the requisite qualifications for appointment were substantively identical to the qualifications currently required for appointment as a federal Inspector General. The statutes governing appointment of Inspectors General in many jurisdictions similar to the District of Columbia require these qualifications, as well. Therefore, these qualifications are determined to be the standard for "best practices". DCHR contracted with a firm to conduct a national search based on the current criteria for the position and did not find candidates who possessed these qualifications and who were also highly accomplished. However, using the best practices criteria, extraordinary candidates were identified for consideration.

Unless the requisite qualifications are amended to reflect best practices criteria, the District will be in jeopardy of being unable to confirm the most highly accomplished candidate for the position of Inspector General.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable consideration of these measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "V" and a long, sweeping "y".

Vincent C. Gray



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 to align minimum qualifications for the position of Inspector General with federal standards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Inspector General Qualifications Emergency Amendment Act of 2014".

Sec. 2. Section 208(a)(1) of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985, effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.115a), is amended as follows:

(a) Subparagraph (D) is amended to read as follows:

“(D) The Inspector General shall be appointed:

“(i) Without regard to party affiliation;

“(ii) On the basis of integrity;

“(iii) With demonstrated supervisory and management experience; and

“(iv) With demonstrated experience and ability, in the aggregate, in law, accounting, auditing, financial management analysis, public administration, or investigations.”.

1 (b) Subparagraph (D-i) is repealed in its entirety.

2 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

3 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
4 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
5 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official § 1-206.2(c)(3)).

6 Sec. 4. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
8 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
9 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
10 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
11 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).