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Nyasha Smith, Secretary
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Smith:

Today, along with Councilmembers Brooke Pinto, Anita Bonds, Vincent C. Gray, Christina Henderson, Janeese Lewis George, and Zachary Parker, I am introducing the **"Private Security Camera System Incentive Program Small Business Expansion Amendment Act of 2023."** Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

In 2015, I introduced the Home Security Camera Tax Credit Amendment Act of 2015, which served as the basis for the District's Private Security Camera System Incentive Program ("Program"). This highly successful Program, administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, has funded more than 25,000 cameras across the District. The Program offers a rebate to individuals, non-profits, religious institutions, and businesses to install exterior cameras, provided the purchaser agrees to register the camera with the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD"). MPD then uses footage from these cameras to help investigate crimes and close cases.

But the recent break-ins at several small businesses along the H Street, NE Corridor have highlighted a need to provide additional support, particularly as expanded security infrastructure could have deterred the break-ins in the first place or allowed MPD to respond faster, rather than simply recording footage of the crimes as they were committed. The bill would therefore expand the Private Security Camera System Incentive Program to include rebates for small businesses that earn less than \$2.5 million in federal gross receipts for security cameras or glass break sensors installed inside their buildings. The bill is needed to provide both deterrence and additional evidence to aid MPD in its efforts to solve crimes.

Please feel free to reach out to me or my Legislative Director, Antonio Nunes, with any questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Allen".

Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember
Chairperson, Committee on Transportation & the Environment
Vice Chair, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

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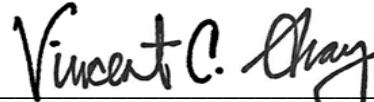
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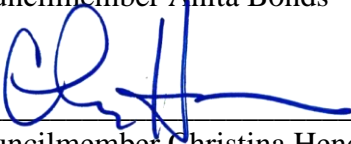
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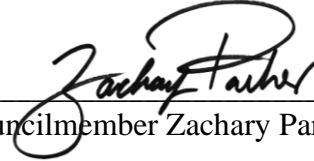
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27 To amend the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016 to expand
28 the Private Security Camera System Incentive Program, administered by the Office of
29 Victim Services and Justice Grants, to reimburse small businesses for security camera
30 systems and glass break sensors installed on the interiors of their businesses.

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32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
33 act may be cited as the “Private Security Camera System Incentive Program Small Business
34 Expansion Amendment Act of 2023”.

35 Sec. 2. Section 214 of the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act
36 of 2016, effective June 30, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-125; D.C. Official Code § 7-2831), is amended as
37 follows:

38 (a) Subsection (a) is amended to read as follows:

39 “(a)(1) There is established a Private Security Camera System Incentive Program
40 (“Program”), to be administered by the Mayor, to encourage the purchase and installation of the
41 following:

42 “(A) A security camera system on the exterior of a building owned or
43 leased by an individual, business, nonprofit, religious institution, or an entity as that term is
44 defined in § 29-101.02(10);

45 “(B) A security camera system on the interior of a building owned or
46 leased by a business that has less than \$2,500,000 federal gross receipts or sales; and

47 “(C) Glass break sensors installed on the interior of a building owned or
48 leased by a business that has less than \$2,500,000 federal gross receipts or sales.

49 “(2) A security camera system purchased and installed pursuant to paragraphs
50 (1)(A) or (B) of this subsection shall be registered with the Metropolitan Police Department.”.

51 (b) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

52 (1) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as follows:

53 “(1) Purchase and install:

54 “(A) After September 22, 2015, a security camera system on the exterior
55 of the building;

56 “(B) After the effective date of the Private Security Camera System
57 Incentive Program Small Business Expansion Amendment Act of 2023, as introduced on June
58 13, 2023 (B25-___), a security camera system installed on the interior of a building owned or
59 leased by a business that has less than \$2,500,000 federal gross receipts or sales; or

60 “(C) After the effective date of the Private Security Camera System
61 Incentive Program Small Business Expansion Amendment Act of 2023, as introduced on June

62 13, 2023 (B25-___), glass break sensors installed on the interior of the building owned or leased
63 by a business that has less than \$2,500,000 federal gross receipts or sales;”.

64 (2) Paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

65 “(2) For security camera systems installed on the exterior or interior of a building,
66 register the system with the Metropolitan Police Department;”.

67 (c) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

68 (1) Paragraph (1) is amended as follows:

69 (A) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “the system”
70 and inserting the phrase “the system or glass break sensors” in its place.

71 (B) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and
72 inserting a semicolon in its place.

73 (C) Subparagraph (B) is amended as follows:

74 (i) Strike the phrase “exterior of a building owned or leased by a
75 business, nonprofit, religious institution or other entity as defined in” and insert the phrase
76 “interior or exterior of a building owned or leased by an individual, religious institution, or
77 entity, as that term is defined in;” in its place.

78 (ii) Strike the period and insert the phrase “; or” in its place.

79 (D) A new subparagraph (C) is added to read as follows:

80 “(C) Up to \$200 for glass break sensors installed on the interior of a
81 building owned or leased by a business that has less than \$2,500,000 federal gross receipts or
82 sales.”.

83 (2) Paragraph (3) is repealed.

84 (d) Subsection (f) is amended as follows:

85 (1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “system verification” and
86 inserting the phrase “verification of the security camera system or glass break sensors” in its
87 place.

88 (2) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “a system” and inserting the
89 phrase “a security camera system” in its place.

90 (e) Subsection (h) is amended as follows:

91 (1) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “From Janaury 15,
92 2016” and inserting the phrase “From January 15, 2016” in its place.

93 (2) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “private security cameras”
94 and inserting the phrase “private security cameras and glass break sensors” in its place.

95 (3) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the phrase “subsection (c)(1)(A) or (B)”
96 and inserting the phrase “subsection (c)(1)(A), (B), or (C)” in its place.

97 (f) Subsection (i) is amended to read as follows:

98 “(i) For the purposes of this section, the term “security camera system” means one or
99 more indoor or outdoor surveillance cameras with functioning digital video recording
100 capability.”.

101 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

102 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
103 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
104 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

105 Sec. 4. Effective date.

106 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
107 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
108 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

109 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
110 Columbia Register.