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VINCENT C. GRAY
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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 504
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

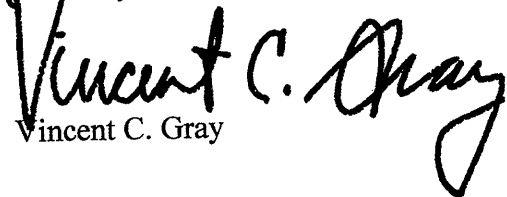
Enclosed please find the "Apprenticeship Modernization Temporary Emergency Amendment Act of 2014 and its accompanying declaration resolution and temporary legislation. This legislation, if enacted, would update language to a 1978 law regarding apprenticeships to ensure the District Department of Employment Services (DOES) can continue to be recognized by the U. S. Department of Labor as a State Apprenticeship Agency.


The US Department of Labor began the process of updating the Federal rules governing Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration, and Amendment of Regulations. Once finalized, each State Apprenticeship Agency must update its existing apprenticeship regulations and underlying statutes for continued recognition as an apprenticeship registration agency. The Department of Employment Services has worked closely with the US Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, to draft mutually agreeable changes to the District's apprenticeship regulations and underlying statutes. The US Department of Labor has indicated by letter that once the drafted changes are enacted, the District will retain its more than 60 years of recognition as a State Apprenticeship Agency.

These changes are necessary in order to move forward with local apprenticeship regulations that conform with the Federal standards.

I urge prompt and favorable consideration of this legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Vincent C. Gray


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend an Act to Provide for Voluntary Apprenticeship in the District of Columbia and the Amendments to an Act to Provide for Voluntary Apprenticeship in the District of Columbia Act of 1978 to make technical and conforming amendments to allow the District of Columbia to continue to be recognized by the US Department of Labor to operate as a State Apprenticeship Agency pursuant to Title 29 CFR, part 29.13.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Apprenticeship Modernization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) The District of Columbia is currently recognized by the US Department of Labor to operate as a State Apprenticeship Agency pursuant to Title 29 CFR, part 29.13, and has been since 1946.

(b) Beginning in 2008 the US Department of Labor began the process of updating the Federal rules governing Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration, and Amendment of Regulations.

35 (c) To conform to the new regulations, for Federal purposes, each State Apprenticeship
36 Agency must update its existing apprenticeship regulations and underlying statutes for continued
37 recognition as an apprenticeship registration agency.

38 (d) The District of Columbia through its Office of Apprenticeship Information and
39 Training within the Department of Employment Services has worked closely with the US
40 Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, to draft mutually agreeable changes the
41 District's apprenticeship regulations and underlying statutes.

42 (e) The US Department of Labor has indicated by letter that once the drafted changes are
43 enacted, the District will retain its more than 60 years of recognition as a State Apprenticeship
44 Agency.

45 (f) The present action, amending the apprenticeship law, is necessary in order to move
46 forward with conforming the local apprenticeship regulations with the Federal standards.

47 (g) The US Department of Labor has indicated its preference for immediate action so
48 that all current and new apprenticeship programs approved by the jurisdiction are in compliance
49 with the new Federal standards.

50 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
51 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
52 "Apprenticeship Modernization Emergency Amendment Act of 2014" be adopted after a single
53 reading.

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