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VINCENT C. GRAY
CHAIRMAN

April 8, 2010

Honorable Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Fenty:

I am writing to you on an issue of basic government transparency, for which I have substantial concern with the actions of your administration.

The Budget Support Act (BSA) has not been submitted to the Council. This legislation was required to be submitted with the Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011 Budget Request Acts on Thursday, April 1, 2010 by the "Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Submission Requirements Resolution of 2009," which was approved on December 15, 2009. Your administration did not provide this document on April 1 and the Council went on its scheduled recess on April 2, which is scheduled to end Sunday, April 11, 2010. Since your administration failed to file the BSA on time, as you know from your time on the Council, you must now wait until Monday, April 12, 2010 to formally file the Budget Support Act.

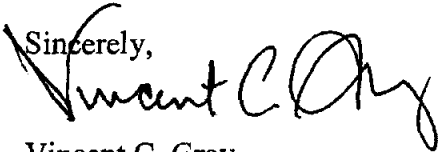
I asked the Council's Budget Director to request a copy of the Budget Support Act from the City Administrator's Office, so that it can immediately be posted on the Council's website for public review. You could then formally file an identical bill with the Office of the Secretary on Monday.

The Council Budget Director was informed that the Budget Support Act is still not completed and that you will not provide the Council with a copy of this document prior to Monday, April 12, 2010. If the Budget Support Act is not completed, how could the Chief Financial Officer have certified your budget submission?



This document is now a week late. Since Congressional requirements only allow the Council 56 days to review and approve the budget, your administration has already deprived the Council and the public of 1/8th of the time allowed for reviewing the budget. As the revenue chapter alludes to, the Budget Support Act contains over \$100 million in tax and fee increases that the Council and the public need to examine. This legislation needs to be submitted to the Council today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent C. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

cc: Councilmembers of the District of Columbia
Dr. Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer