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The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane
Bishop of Washington

July 9, 2008

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray
Chairman at Large
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Room 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Councilmember Gray;

I write to endorse the rapid movement towards passage of Bill B17-788, which was reintroduced to Council on June 10th, 2008 by Councilman Marion Barry. This particular piece of legislation is strongly supported not only by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington which I serve as Bishop, but also by the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, the Downtown Cluster of Churches, the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

All of us solidly support this proposed legislation. I respectfully urge you as Chairman at Large to move this legislation forward as quickly as possible on Council's agenda. I am more than willing to do whatever I can to support you and the City Council toward such movement.

In Christ's Peace, Power and Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Bryson Chane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane, D.D.
Bishop of Washington

cc: Mr. George R. Keys, Jr., Esq.
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