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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Vincent C. Gray 
DATE: December 2, 2021
SUBJECT: Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for December 7, 2021
Legislative Meeting

This memo is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the December 7, 2021 Legislative Meeting:

- **Preserve Our Healthcare Workforce Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021**
- **Preserve Our Healthcare Workforce Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2021**

On October 5, 2021, the Council passed the Preserve Our Healthcare Workforce Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective October 25, to allow qualified volunteer health care professionals to practice in the District without a District license until August 10, 2022. It also prevents the Mayor from requiring these individuals apply for a District license before March 31, 2021. The emergency legislation expires on December 21, 2021.

Temporary legislation, the Preserve Our Healthcare Workforce Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, passed on 2nd reading on November 2, 2021 must still complete the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and will not become law until after the expiration of the emergency legislation.

It is important that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect. This congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

Copies of the draft emergency measures are attached. Please contact Malcolm Cameron at mcameron@dccouncil.us if you have any questions.