



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER AT-LARGE

ROBERT WHITE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.
DATE: July 6, 2023
RE: Request to agendize measures for the July 11th Legislative Meeting

I request that the following measures be agendized for the July 11, 2023 Legislative Meeting:

- **“Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”**
- **“Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”**
- **“Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”**

The attached emergency legislation was first enacted as a part of the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 to give residents whose credit was harmed due to hardships related to the pandemic an opportunity to alert someone who uses their credit report of the extenuating circumstances. When that measure expired on February 4, 2022, Council passed standalone emergency and temporary legislation on January 18, 2022 and February 1, 2022, respectively, to ensure that the protections in these provisions remained in place as residents continue to recover from the pandemic. The Council then unanimously approved a second round of emergency and temporary legislation with the “Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022” enacted on October 31, 2022 and the “Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022” enacted on March 10, 2023. This temporary measure expires on October 6, 2023.

A permanent bill, the “Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Amendment Act of 2023” (B25-118) was introduced on February 2, 2023 and is pending before the Committee of the Whole. A hearing was held in Council Period 24 on an identical measure (B24-553) on November 18, 2022. Emergency and temporary measures are necessary now to prevent a gap in the law as Council considers permanent legislation. They are identical to the measures Council passed previously.

Filed versions of the measures are attached. If you have any questions regarding these measures, please contact Katie Whitehouse, Legislative Director, kwhitehouse@dccouncil.gov.

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