



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

April 14, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Cole, Chair Collins, Ranking Member DeLauro, Ranking Member Murray and Members of the Committees:

Pursuant to Section 817 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, approved March 13, 2009 (123 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 47-369.02) ("Section 817"), I am writing to notify you that the District of Columbia will exercise the granted authority to increase District of Columbia Fiscal Year 2025 local fund appropriations by an aggregate amount not exceeding 6 percent of the amounts included in the District's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Financial Plan.

This action is necessitated by the removal of standard language in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 ("Full-Year CR"), which would have permitted the District to expend local, budgeted revenues at the already approved Fiscal Year 2025 amounts.

As a result of this Congressional action, the District must act to ensure the continuity of essential public services and maintain sound financial management of local operations.

In accordance with Section 817:

- The Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia has certified that revenue collections support this increase;
- The CFO has also certified that this increase will not negatively impact the District's long-term financial, fiscal, or economic health;
- The Council of the District of Columbia will enact the necessary authorizing legislation for each obligation and expenditure supported by these funds in an FY25 supplemental budget;

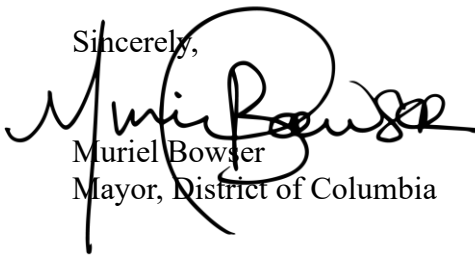
- None of the increased appropriations will be used to fund any District agencies under court-ordered receivership.

To provide context, the Fiscal Year 2025 local funds budget totals \$13.2 billion, an increase of \$1.1 billion over the Fiscal Year 2024 local funds budget. The top five major investment drivers year over year include: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, District of Columbia Public Schools, District of Columbia public charter schools, human services, Metropolitan Police Department, and capital interest payments to allow for investments in schools, recreation centers, infrastructure, and world class venue investments.

Without the ability to fully execute the Fiscal Year 2025 budget as adopted and approved by the District, this gap will force reductions in critical services provided by our largest agencies, including public safety agencies such as the Metropolitan Police Department and Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

The District of Columbia is committed to prudent management of local funds, consistently delivering balanced budgets and maintaining triple-A bond ratings from major credit rating agencies.

Sincerely,



Muriel Bowser
Mayor, District of Columbia

cc: The Honorable David Joyce, Chair, U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Steny Hoyer, Ranking Member, U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Bill Hagerty, Chair, U.S. Senate Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Jack Reed, Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable James Comer, Chair, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

Glen Lee, Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia