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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson

FROM: Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson 

DATE: January 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for January 18, 2022
Additional Legislative Meeting

This memo is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the January 18, 2022 Additional Legislative Meeting, should one be scheduled:

- **“Public Health Emergency Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”**
- **“Public Health Emergency Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022”**

On January 11, 2022, the Mayor of the District of Columbia issued Mayor’s Order 2022-008, declaring a public health emergency in the District related to healthcare capacity as a result of the rise in new cases and visits to emergency rooms, continuing deaths from COVID-19, and staffing shortages at medical facilities due in part to staff being out with COVID-19.

To ensure that the District and our healthcare partners can continue to respond expeditiously and safely to COVID-19 and its ongoing and changing impacts protect public the Mayor must have the authority to continue the public health emergency. The Mayor’s current authority to maintain the public emergency expires on January 26, 2022. To continue to ensure that there is sufficient healthcare capacity, it is necessary to extend the Mayor’s authority until March 17, 2022.

Copies of the draft emergencies are attached. For any questions or concerns, please contact Eric Goulet, Committee Director, at (202) 705-0482 or egoulet@dccouncil.us.