

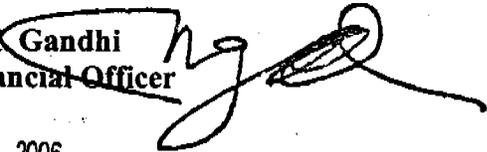
**Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** JUN -5 2006

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Mental Health Civil Commitment  
Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2006"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Bill – No Number Assigned

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would correct a statutory gap in the time period during which the consideration, filing and prosecuting of recommitment petitions for certain mental health patients may take place. Under the Mental Health Civil Commitment Act of 2002 (D.C. Law 14-283), such actions were intended to occur from the Congressional approval date of December 10, 2004 until July 12, 2006. However, through inadvertence the temporary law (D.C. Law 15-199) that would have extended the time for recommitment to a mental institution to June 12, 2006 expired on July 25, 2005. The proposed legislation would correct the statutory error.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because there is no significant financial impact associated with the provisions of the proposal.