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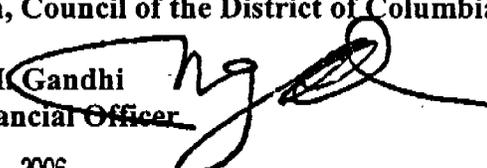
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CHAIRMAN CROPP

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: APR -3 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Comcast Cable Television Franchise Agreement Modification Emergency Act of 2006"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation as Introduced - No Bill Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 budget and the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan as proposed by the Mayor to the Council of the District of Columbia. No additional staff or resources will be required in order to execute the provisions of the subject agreement that is approved by this bill.

Background

The proposed legislation approves many changes to the October 21, 2002 franchise agreement between Comcast Cable Television and the District of Columbia by means of a negotiated settlement agreement. The Settlement will require Comcast to expand the District's fiber optic network by the addition of over 20 miles of above and below ground cable, and connect more than 150 District schools to the central communications system.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 budget and the proposed FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation and the settlement agreement it approves. Although the District of Columbia Public School System will be eligible for E-Rate savings plans for IT connectivity upon installation of new IT communications equipment, actual, measurable savings cannot be projected at this time.