

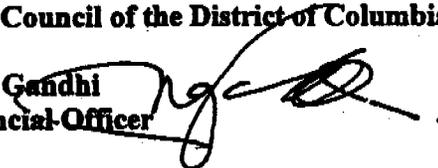
**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



**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:** FEB -7 2006

**SUBJECT:** Proposed "Ballpark Hard and Soft Costs Cap and Ballpark Lease Conditional Approval Emergency Act of 2006"

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I write this memorandum to alert you to the impact that the above-referenced legislation would have on the District's ability to issue bonds and proceed with the ballpark project. Based on my review of the proposed emergency legislation, I will not be able to go to Wall Street until the lease has been revised and submitted to the Council. The impact of this proposed legislation is that no validly approved lease will exist until this condition of a revised lease agreement is satisfied. As I indicated in the fall of 2005, Wall Street will not give any credit to the lease until it is fully executed and validly approved under local law. The proposed legislation requires this revised lease to be submitted no later than March 7, 2006 or the lease will be disapproved.

As soon as the lease is revised and submitted in accordance with the legislation, I can proceed to issue the bonds. However, significant delay in raising the funds and beginning construction may increase the cost of building the stadium.

I am available if you have any questions or concerns.