

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



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
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**DATE:** January 21, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Residential Tranquility Act of 2009"

**REFERENCE:** Bill 18-63, As Introduced

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

**Background**

The proposed legislation provides that it would be a misdemeanor for any person to repeatedly engage in unwanted targeted picketing<sup>1</sup> before or about an individual's dwelling place in a residential neighborhood with the intent to intimidate, threaten, abuse, annoy, or harass the individual.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) could implement the proposed bill with existing resources.

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<sup>1</sup> The proposed bill defines "unwanted targeted picketing" as "...marching, congregating, standing, parading, demonstrating, or patrolling by one or more persons, with or without signs, with undue emphasis toward one dwelling, for the purpose of persuading the public or the dwelling's occupant or to protest some action, attitude, or belief, without the implied or express consent of the occupant."