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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: October 17, 2017

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Ballpark Fee Forgiveness Act of 2017

REFERENCE: Draft bill provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 27, 2017

This fiscal impact statement replaces the one issued on October 11, 2017.

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018.

Background

When a Real Estate Investment Trust and a related entity (or entities) pays the District Ballpark Fee¹ based on receipts from the same property in the same period, the bill authorizes a refund for the payments made subsequently to the first payment.

The bill establishes a non-lapsing Ballpark Fee Forgiveness Fund (“Fund”) to pay for the refunds and requires \$500,000 to be appropriated into the Fund. The bill requires filing entities to make requests for refunds by June 15 annually, and if total refund requests exceed available funding, allows the District to pro-rate refunds.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018, the required appropriation for the Ballpark Fee Forgiveness Fund. Refunds will be allowed until funding is exhausted. The Office of Tax and Revenue can absorb the administrative costs of processing refunds due under the bill.

¹ D.C. Official Code 47-2761.

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Cost of implementing Ballpark Fee Forgiveness Act of 2017 Fiscal Year 2018 - Fiscal Year 2021				
FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	Four-year Total
\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000