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

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MEMORANDUM

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

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

DATE: **January 30, 2002**

SUBJECT: **Fiscal Impact Statement: "District of Columbia Emergency**
                Management Assistance Compact of 2002"

REFERENCE: **Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available**

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources will be required. The proposed legislation will have no affect on General Fund revenue.

Background

The proposed legislation would authorize the Mayor to participate in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The Compact was authorized by the United States Congress (P.L. 104-321) on October 19, 1996 to provide for mutual assistance between the participating states in managing an emergency or disaster and in undertaking related exercises, testing, and training activities. The Compact specifies the participating states' responsibilities as well as the limitations, liability, compensation, reimbursement, and implementation of EMAC. The Compact also addresses evacuation, supplementary agreements among states, licenses, permits, and limitations on the use of the military. Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia are among the state participants.

Financial Plan Impact

Participation in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact would not require additional staff or resources because the District has the requisite plans and procedures necessary to participate. The extent to which the District will bear costs associated with either reimbursing participating states for assistance during an emergency or providing resources to other participating states during an emergency cannot be estimated at this time.