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:

JUN -2 2006

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement: "Consumer Security Breach

Notification Act of 2006"

REFERENCE:

Draft Legislation to be Introduced – No Number Available

Conclusion

The proposed legislation will have no impact on the District's budget and financial plan. The Attorney General is provided sufficient staff and resources to implement District consumer protection statutes.

Background

The proposed legislation would impact any person or entity conducting business in the District of Columbia who maintain personal information on electronic media. The proposed legislation requires that in the event of a breach or compromise affecting the security of personal information, the person or entity housing the data would be required by law to notify all affected persons who reside in the District of Columbia.

The proposed legislation provides authority to any individual injured by a breach or compromise of secure personal information with the private right to seek redress to recover damages, costs of a civil action, and reasonable representational fees.

The proposed legislation provides the Attorney General of the District of Columbia with enforcement power to petition the Superior Court of Washington D.C. for temporary or permanent injunctive relief, civil penalties, and reasonable representational costs against an offending person or entity.

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Breach Notification Act of 2006"
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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. The proposed legislation will have no impact on the District's budget and financial plan. The Attorney General is provided sufficient staff and resources to implement all District law.

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