

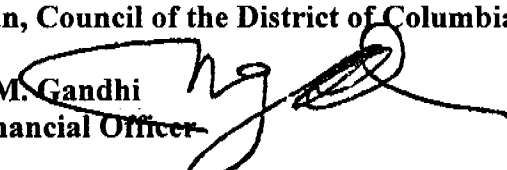
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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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: JUL -5 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Uniform Disclaimers of Property Interests Act Revision Act of 2006."

REFERENCE: Bill Number 16-707, Draft Committee Print

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 budget and the proposed FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend Title 19 of the District of Columbia Official Code by enacting the revised Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act. The proposed legislation would enable individuals to disclaim interest in property. Disclaimers allow the beneficiary of an interest in a trust or an estate to disclaim, or renounce, that interest, thus allowing that interest to pass to an alternate beneficiary. A disclaimer extinguishes the interest in a property as if that interest had never been granted. Current law in the District creates a lien in favor of the District when a taxpayer neglects or refuses to pay taxes. The proposed legislation would maintain the District's ability to use liens by specifying that the use of a disclaimer does not invalidate a lien.

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 proposed legislation. The District's local Budget and Financial Plan would be required to absorb any additional and unforeseen costs that may be incurred as a result of this legislation.