


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
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: JUN 27 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Spam Deterrence Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-34 Draft Committee Print¹

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal effect on the District's budget and financial plan.

Background

The proposed legislation would prohibit transmission of commercial electronic messages using:

- a false or misleading subject line;
- false identifying information; and/or
- a third party's internet address, domain name or identity without the third party's consent.

The proposed legislation would also provide for civil relief and criminal penalties for violation of the legislation, and authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to enforce the provisions of the legislation pursuant to actions authorized in D.C. Official Code § 28-3909.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal effect on the District's budget and financial plan.

¹ Dated May 21, 2008