


Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: March 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Louise B. Miller Way Designation Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-131, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on March 7, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Louise B. Miller was a Washington, D.C. mother of four children, three of whom were deaf. In the 1940's and 1950's in Washington, D.C., deaf black children had to be sent to school in Baltimore. Miller fought to get her son into the Kendall School for the Deaf at the Columbia Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind (now Gallaudet University), which was at the time, an all-white institution. She was initially unable to get him into the school, but through a successful court case in 1952,¹ Kendall was required to accept her son because he could not be required to leave the District to receive equal education.

The bill symbolically designates the 1200 block of T Street, N.W. as Louise B. Miller Way. Louise Miller lived at 1204 T Street, N.W.²

¹ U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, July 3, 1952, *Miller v. The Board of Education*

² [Civil Rights Tour: Education - Louise Burrell Miller and Deaf Education - 1204 T Street NW | DC Historic Sites](#)

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will fabricate and install two signs to symbolically designate the roadway as Louise B. Miller Way. The signs will cost \$380 and DDOT can absorb the cost within its budgeted resources.