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Dear Director Collier-Montgomery,

Recent news stories have highlighted the use of Constituent Services Funds being used by DC Councilmembers in ways that were not permitted under the law. During our review of the Constituent Services Funds, we discovered 10 current DC Councilmembers have made political contributions to DC Democratic organizations, a clear violation of DC law. Councilmembers Jack Evans, Mary Cheh, Muriel Bowser, Yvette Alexander, Marion Barry, Kwame Brown, Michael Brown, David Catania, Phil Mendelson and Vincent Orange each used their Constituent Services Funds to contribute to DC Democratic organizations.

According to DC municipal regulations, Constituent Service Funds are prohibited from making contributions to partisan groups.

3014.2 Citizen-service programs shall be prohibited from participating in any of the following:

- (a) Promoting or opposing a political party or committee;**
- (b) Promoting or opposing the nomination or election of an individual to public office;**
- (c) Promoting or opposing any initiative, referendum or recall measure;**
- (d) Distributing campaign literature or paraphernalia;**
- (e) Using any funds for personal purposes of the elected official; and**
- (f) Conducting any other campaign activities covered in this Title.**

The DC Republican Committee requests that the Office of Campaign Finance initiate an investigation into the DC Councilmembers listed above for possible violation in this area. Attached is a spreadsheet with the contributions in question.

DC residents deserve to have public officials who obey the law and we encourage your office to enforce the consequences. Please do not hesitate to contact our office at (202) 289-8005. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob Kabel
Chairman

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