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Council Chairman Kwame Brown
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Dear Council Chairman Brown:

Recent ethical scandals have rocked our city. One cannot open a newspaper or turn on the news without another embarrassing story about ethical lapses. DC residents pay some of the highest taxes in the country, yet we are left feeling insulted for a lack of enthusiasm for comprehensive ethics reform from our elected officials.

DC Attorney General Irvin Nathan recently filed a civil action for damages and injunctive relief against Councilmember Harry L. Thomas Jr. The Attorney General said in a press release *"we cannot tolerate the diversion of any of our scarce District resources, particularly by those who would use their positions of trust and influence to obtain these funds for personal gain."*

Patrick Mara, State Board of Education member from Ward 1, recently stated that Councilmember Thomas should resign. Mr. Mara is the highest elected official in the District of Columbia who is publically calling for Councilmember Thomas to resign.

Today, we are calling on you to do the same.

Councilmember Thomas has lost of the trust of the city, damaged the reputation of the Council and is only further making a mockery of efforts to bring about good government. It is time that our Councilmembers make it public that they too think Councilmember Thomas should resign.

Don't delay on this issue any longer. District residents simply cannot afford another embarrassment.

Sincerely,

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