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Councilmember Brendan Todd Committee on Government Operations 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 105, NW Washington, DC 20004

VIA Email: <u>BTodd@DCCOUNCIL.US</u>

Re: "Sexual Harassment Data Collection and Reporting Act of 2019", B23-0444

Dear Councilmember Todd,

At a regularly scheduled properly noticed meeting on March 10, 2020, with a quorum present Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 9-0-1 to write to you regarding B23-0444, Sexual Harassment Data Collection and Reporting Act of 2019.

The bill was introduced by Councilmember White on September 17, 2019 and it hasn't moved. There have been no hearings on it and no indication on when it will become law.

We're puzzled by the delay because the DC Council is aware of the gap in knowledge. This gap was revealed last April by Jeffrey Anderson in an article entitled "Hollow Promise." The article highlights how only some agencies currently collect sexual harassment information.

ANC6B encourages you as the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations to hold a hearing on B23-044 in the next two months. Delaying the implementation of this bill simply allows DC agency government employees who commit sexual misconduct to continue their bad acts under the cover of secrecy.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact ANC6B10 Commissioner Denise Krepp at <u>6B10@anc.dc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Brian Ready Chair, ANC 6B