

COALITION FOR NONPROFIT EQUITY

February 11, 2022

The Honorable Muriel Bowser
Executive Office of the Mayor
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Bowser,

We write today on behalf of the [Coalition for Nonprofit Equity](#), a collective of more than 600 District community-based nonprofit organizations. Our Coalition works to dismantle the inequities created by a long standing history of funding and operational challenges through collective voice and mobilizing for enduring change.

We request a meeting regarding the inconsistent, and at times, inadequate implementation by District contract and grant-making agencies/offices of the Nonprofit Fair Compensation Act of 2020, which you signed into law a year ago. This legislation is integral to ensuring that nonprofit providers are able to support their communities with essential services on behalf of the District. Our coalition has been closely monitoring the implementation of this Act. In the midst of performance and budget oversight hearings, we would like to share our findings and recommendations with you and your executive staff. This includes specific recommendations for OCP, grant-making agencies and Offices of the EOM.

Given that the nonprofit sector currently represents 26% of the District's workforce; generates \$48 billion in annual revenues; leverages \$1,347,000,000 in private funding; and provides deep and meaningful social services to tens of thousands of District residents each day; we believe you share our goal of a robust and stable nonprofit sector. We need your help to ensure proper implementation of this law and a productive relationship between nonprofits and government agencies moving forward.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from your scheduler regarding an opportunity to meet.

Sincerely,

Coalition for Nonprofit Equity members who worked on and agreed to sign this letter:

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