

VINCENT C. GRAY MAYOR

September 24, 2013

The Honorable Darrell Issa, Chairman Committee on Oversight and Government Reform United States House of Representatives 2157 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-6143

Dear Chairman Issa:

Enclosed please find the District of Columbia's Height Master Plan evaluation and draft recommendations for modest changes to the Height of Buildings Act. This report is to accompany the draft recommendations report released by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) on September 12th for public comment.

The DC Office of Planning and NCPC will participate in two upcoming opportunities to receive public feedback on the draft recommendations: a public information session on September 25th and an October 2nd special Commission session to take public testimony on the draft recommendations.

I appreciate the opportunity your request provided for the District to make the case for measured changes to the Height Act that respect the federal interest in the monumental L'Enfant City while also supporting the mutual federal and local interest in a robust, vibrant and economically stable Capital City. Thank you for giving every consideration to the District's draft recommendations and the analysis supporting them.

If you have any questions about the Height Master Plan, please contact me or have your staff contact Harriet Tregoning, Director of the DC Office of Planning, at (202) 442-7636 or harriet.tregoning@dc.gov.

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