

December 2, 2009

Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Councilmembers of the District of Columbia:

The Convention Center Community Association (CCCA-online.org) applauds the DC Council for passing the “Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009”.

We commend At-Large Councilmember David Catania for his leadership on this bill and this bill’s co-sponsors for shepherding this legislation through public commentary, and maintaining open, inclusive and civil discourse to its final approval.

We appreciate the tireless leadership of our Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans on civil rights issues for the GLBT communities throughout his career. We acknowledge the support of all of our At-Large Councilmembers — Catania, Phil Mendelson, Kwame Brown and Michael Brown — and Chairman Vincent Gray for representing the commitment of citizens across the District of Columbia to civil rights and equality for all. The CCCA also notes that this bill would not have succeeded without the strong support of our other Ward Councilmembers — Graham, Bowser, Thomas, Wells, and Cheh.

The DC Council’s leadership on marriage equality and consistent commitment to human rights is a beacon for our nation and the world.

Sincerely,



Martin Moulton
President, CCCA