**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**Bill 23-122, Cashless Retailers Prohibition Act of 2019**

on

**Thursday, February 13, 2020, 10:00 a.m.**

**Room 120, John A. Wilson Building**

**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**

**Washington, DC 20004**

 Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing of the Committee of the on **Bill 23-122**,the “Cashless Retailers Prohibition Act of 2019.” The hearing will be on **Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 120** of the John A. Wilson Building.

 The purpose of **Bill 23-122** is to amend Title 28 of the District of Columbia Official Code to prohibit retail establishments from refusing to accept cash as a form of payment, and to provide for enforcement of this requirement.

 Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or to call Blaine Stum, Legislative Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-8092, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by the close of business **Tuesday, February 11, 2020**. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

 Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on February 11, 2020 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to three minutes, unless more time is arranged with the Committee in advance of the hearing. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on http://lims.dccouncil.us. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed at http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation, 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

 If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record.  Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020.