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**CHAIRMAN MENDELSON STATEMENT REGARDING
DEATH OF STERLING TUCKER**

WASHINGTON, DC – DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson released the following statement regarding the death of Sterling Tucker:

"It's sad to report that the first chairman of the Home Rule Council, Sterling Tucker, has passed away. Details are as of now unknown, but he was in his 90s. Sterling was a very important leader in the history of the District of Columbia. He was vice chairman of the appointed City Council – the first City Council since Congress abolished our state legislature in the 1870s. He then ran for Chairman in the first Home Rule election, in 1974.

It's hard to imagine, now, how challenging those days were. Everything was new. And yet significant, and substantial legislation was adopted by the Council. Sterling left public office in 1979, after running unsuccessfully for mayor. His heart was with DC, and he remained a resource up until his last days. He will be missed.

The Council will post more information once we know the funeral details."