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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson

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DATE: May 15, 2023

**RE: Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to
Milestone Therapeutic Services, Inc. Purchase
Orders Approval and Payment Authorization
Emergency Act of 2023, Bill 25-288**

The amendment is legally and technically sufficient for Council consideration.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute would amend Bill 25-288 to strike references to Council approval and authorization of payment for Purchase Orders PO625875, PO621742-V2, PO630568, PO637947, PO658141-V2, PO679865, and PO687321 under section 451 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 803; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.51), and insert language exempting the Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), or the CFO’s designee, from the prohibition in section 47-355.02(3) of the District of Columbia Official Code against approving disbursements without appropriate authorization for purposes of paying Milestone Therapeutic Services, Inc. for services received and to be received under Purchase Order 687321. It would further provide that the exemption provided to the Chief Financial Officer, or the CFO’s designee, does not extend to employees of other District agencies.

I am available if you have any questions.