



OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN MENDELSON  
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Thursday July 13, 2023

**CONTACT:** Lindsey Walton

[lwalton@dccouncil.gov](mailto:lwalton@dccouncil.gov)

**CHAIRMAN MENDELSON STATEMENT ON CAPITOL HILL VOTES ON  
APPROPRIATIONS BILLS**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson released this statement following the House and Senate Appropriations Committees’ markups of FY24 Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) Subcommittee spending bills.

“I appreciate that the spending bill reported out to the Senate floor today appears to refrain from any new riders. But once again the national whims of House Republicans negatively impact the District,” Mendelson said of the House bill’s policy riders, including:

- A ban on automated traffic enforcement\*
- A halt to DC’s efforts to ban dangerous right turns on red lights
- Reversal of DC’s 2020 law to ban discrimination based on individual’s reproductive health decisions; and
- Repeal of DC’s 2016 law on medical aid in dying for the terminally ill.

“In addition, the pending House bill is dangerous for its failure to support public safety and law enforcement in the District. MPD had requested \$48 million to support its work on behalf of Federal security. The House is proposing over 40% less.

“I’m especially outraged at the last-minute amendment to require DC recognize concealed carry permits from other states. Moreover, it would halt the District from implementing our police accountability bill that has been law for three years. Since many states have virtually no requirements to get a concealed carry permit, the effect will be to make the nation’s capital more of a target for extremists and acts of violence.

“Thank you, Congress, for making the District less safe while defunding the police.

“I want to thank FSGG Ranking Member Congressman Steny Hoyer and our warrior on the Hill Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton for their support of our funding needs and for their efforts to try to eliminate these riders – a herculean task. Defending the District from these extreme proposals from Republicans is a challenging process and we are grateful to all who protect our interests.

“As I’ve said many times before, Congressional attacks on our autonomy are undemocratic, reckless, harmful, and serve no purpose but to score political points nationally while disrupting our government.

“I will continue to advocate for additional financial resources for District police and courts as this process continues.”