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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is writing regarding the District of Columbia's implementation of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act (P.L. 118-274) ("the Act") and the urgency of completing all necessary legislative action on the proposed stadium redevelopment by August 2025. Congress has already spoken on this matter through the bipartisan H.R. 4984, which was signed by President Biden on January 6, 2025.¹ The law was designed specifically to enable the District to advance expeditiously with this transformational opportunity. The federal government transferred administrative control of this valuable property with the clear expectation that the D.C. Council would act decisively to maximize its potential.

The Committee was disappointed to see the Council's vote on the stadium deal delayed, particularly given the significant economic benefits at stake and the clear mandate provided by federal legislation. The removal of the stadium's authorizing language from the D.C. budget has given cause for concern since it would unnecessarily delay the ultimate use of the 174 acres of currently underutilized federal property which the Act unlocked for revitalization. The Committee understands that successful passage of the District Mayor's Robert F. Kennedy Stadium plan would constitute the largest private investment in D.C. history—representing a \$2.7 billion commitment in private investment from the Washington Commanders ownership group—and further the Act's intention of the District's prompt economic revitalization of the federal property.²

The Committee understands the need for deliberation and the availability of financial analyses and expects all required votes to be completed before the Council's August recess. The Committee understands that such studies and required public hearings will be completed before the August recess, which should pave the way for all necessary votes to take place. As authorized in the Act, it is up to the D.C. government to determine how best to utilize the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus in keeping with the law's specified allowable purposes, but

¹ See H.R. 4984, 118th Cong. (as signed by President, Jan. 6, 2025).

² Matt Pusatory and Eric Flack, "Here are the terms of the RFK Stadium deal," WUSA9 CBS (Apr. 28, 2025).

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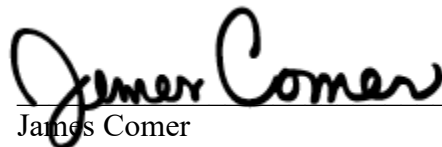
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the Committee expects prompt decisions on such campus development proposals put forth by the District government without unnecessary and politically motivated delays.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Additionally, House Rule X grants the Committee explicit legislative jurisdiction of the “[m]unicipal affairs of the District of Columbia in general.” Should you have any questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Comer" clearly distinguishable. It is written over a horizontal line.

James Comer
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform