



April 2, 2021

The Honorable Mary Cheh  
Councilmember, District of Columbia  
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The Honorable Vincent Gray  
Councilmember, District of Columbia  
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The Honorable Charles Allen  
Councilmember, District of Columbia  
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The Honorable Brianne K. Nadeau  
Councilmember, District of Columbia  
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The Honorable Brooke Pinto  
Councilmember, District of Columbia  
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RE: Support for B24-0018, Green Food Purchasing Amendment Act of 2021

Dear Councilmembers Cheh, Gray, Allen, Nadeau, and Pinto:

On behalf of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing to offer our support for Bill 24-0018. As the association of local governments in metropolitan Washington, COG supports the District of Columbia's efforts to quantify and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from food and beverage purchases in order to assist the region in meeting its medium and long-term climate change goals, which align with our 2021 Legislative Priorities.

B24-0018 would require the District of Columbia's Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) to adopt a methodology for estimating GHG emissions from food and beverage purchases and provide purchasing guidance to District agencies to reduce emissions. Agencies would be required to quantify emissions from food and beverage purchases and take steps to reduce emissions by 25 percent by 2030. The passage of this bill would assist the District's efforts to achieve local and regional GHG emission reduction goals. Supporting policies to meet the region's climate goals is one of COG's top environmental priorities and we support the measures this bill takes to foster green purchasing practices in the District of Columbia.

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Please contact Jeffrey King, COG's Chief of Energy and Climate Programs at (202) 962-3238 or [jking@mwkog.org](mailto:jking@mwkog.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deni Taveras". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Deni Taveras  
Chair, Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Policy Committee  
Prince George's County