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**Thomas Introduces Measure to Tax District
Government Workers and Contractors at Revenue Source**

Washington, DC—At the Council’s budget deliberations yesterday, Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr. introduced a measure to impose a tax on District government workers and contractors who are non-residents and whose incomes are derived from locally appropriated dollars. The proposed tax will generate approximately \$70 million.

The District of Columbia’s budget includes \$5 billion of local appropriations. The salaries of the District government’s work force, of whom roughly 70 percent live outside the city’s limits, total more than \$1 billion. Because only incomes generated from local appropriations would be taxed, the assessment would not be a commuter tax. The measure also echoes similar practices in cities like Philadelphia.

If District tax dollars are paying a District government worker’s salary, then it is only fair that we have the ability to tax those salaries at the source,” said Councilmember Thomas.

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