**Email Template for D.C. Residents (Revised 5.10.24)**

Subject Line Example: Preserve the Access to Justice Initiative

Subject Line Example: Prioritize the Access to Justice Initiative

Subject Line Example: Why the Access to Justice Initiative Matters to Me

Councilmember [CM name]:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and I am a resident of Ward [##]. I work as [Title] at [Name of Organization]. **I am reaching out about the Access to Justice Initiative and urge you to restore funding to $31.668M**. I know that that Council has found some funding to address the proposed budget cuts to the program, but that there is still a $18.9M gap.

Living each day in Ward [##], I am worried that with this funding cut, important services will no longer be available to my neighbors. I know that helping my neighbors address legal issues like eviction, family conflict, economic hardship, and other problems makes my community a more stable place to live.

[Add any more detail or specific experiences, including why you support the Pro Bono Center and/or free legal services for D.C. residents who are living on low incomes. Limit to one or two sentences.]

I hope that you will prioritize the Access to Justice Initiative as the budget process continues. We need to keep these vital services available to District residents.

Thank you,

[Name and Address]