**Email Template for Other Stakeholders (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] or Dear D.C. Council:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and 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.

As a [D.C. worker/resident/other] I am worried that with this funding cut, important services will no longer be available to those who most need them. By helping D.C. residents deal with legal issues like eviction, family conflict, economic hardship, and other problems, the Access to Justice Initiative funding makes D.C. a more stable community.

[Add any more detail or specific experiences about why you think this cause is so important. 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 Title]