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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #10-0616		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #10-0616 has been introduced for the purpose of prohibiting the distribution of certain synthetic products or compounds, variously known as K2, "Spice," or otherwise; defining certain terms; establishing certain exceptions; imposing certain penalties; and generally relating to the regulation of these products or compounds.

The Department of Finance does not object to this bill. As currently written, the Department of Finance does not identify material costs associated with the passage of Council Bill 10-0616. The Department has contacted representatives from the Police Department, who cite the fact that the enforcement of this prohibition would be consistent with its current operations. Its chemical lab is fully capable of analyzing the substance outlined in this bill without incurring additional costs. Further, cost associated with training lab technicians and police officers of this new substance would be negligible.

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