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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 402
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Dear Councilmember Mendelson:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on June 8, 2006, and with a quorum present, our
Commission voted unanimously to support PR 16-766, the Metropolitan Police Department
Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV) Regulations Amendment Approval Resolution of
2006 with a suggested modification described in the paragraph below. Our Commission believes
that the pilot projects authorized by PR 16-766 have the potential to help fight crime in our
neighborhoods.

One area where we believe this proposed legislation may be improved is with the addition of a
requirement to have an external auditor monitor, not less than once a quarter, the implementation
of the pilot CCTV projects authorized by this resolution. Moreover, the commission suggests
amending the Resolution to provide information on the general location of the cameras.

In 2003, the United States General Accounting Office (GAO) prepared a report related to the use
of video surveillance for law enforcement purposes. In this report, the GAO identified several
best practices that should be considered by localities interested in adopting CCTV. One best
practice cited is an audit of CCTV systems, to ensure that they are only utilized for the stated
purpose of law enforcement and not misused through the inappropriate use or release of data
captured through the system.

In close, we ask that you strongly consider our community's request for support of PR 16-766.
If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Public Safety Chair, Ms. Stephanie Nixon, at
(412) 612-8881.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
       Chief of Police Charles Ramsey
       Deputy Mayor Edward Reiskin, Public Safety and Justice