

**Council of the District of Columbia:
Committee on Government Operations and the Environment**

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Public Hearing on Bill 18-777, the Open Government Act of 2010

The Open Government Act of 2010, introduced to the Council of the District of Columbia by Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, is a positive step for the community and the Council. The provisions outlined in this bill will provide more access to residents and the media, which will create increased transparency for the District government.

Clearer procedures for requesting and providing information under Freedom of Information Act will facilitate the media's ability to provide the community with the information needed. I support this bill and urge the Council to move this initiative forward.

Thank you Councilmember Cheh for your innovative approach to addressing this important issue.

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