LIST OF LETTERS

The DC Tax Revision Commission received numerous letters from the public and public officials during its tenure. The letters listed are available on the Commission’s website: dctaxrevisioncommission.org.


Letter from Mayor Vincent Gray on the inaugural DC Tax Revision Commission meeting. (Aug. 3, 2012)

Letter from Councilmember Jack Evans requesting inclusion of “Technology Sector Enhancement Act of 2012” in the Commission’s research agenda. (Sept. 21, 2012)

Letter from 13 high-income-earning individuals expressing their support for more progressive income tax brackets. (Dec. 2, 2013)

Letter from Jon Bakija, Department of Economics, Williams College, sharing his research on the impact of state-level estate and inheritance taxes on the migration of high-wealth individuals. (Nov. 15, 2013)

Letter from David Bardin, attorney, asking the Commission to consider a local services tax. (June 24, 2013)

Letter from David Bardin, attorney, related to the DC Water and Sewer Authority. (Oct. 24, 2012)

Letter from Kari Bedell, Executive Director, Greater Washington Society of CPAs, sharing results of a membership survey on doing business in the District; Full survey results. (Sept. 25, 2013)

Letter from John Capozzi, consultant, recommending a review of an annual payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) provision for the District’s private universities. (November 2012)

Letter (and attachment) from the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area in response to the May 29, 2013 report on tax-exempt properties and specifically the proposal to implement a payments in lieu of tax (PILOT) program in the District (Oct. 18, 2013)

Letter from Karen Conway, University of New Hampshire, and Jonathan Rork, Reed College, on how differences in tax policies between states affect resident migration. (Nov. 18, 2013)

Letter from the District Building Industry Association on the commercial property tax. (Dec. 4, 2013)

Letter from William E. Davis, on behalf of a collection of prominent District estate tax practitioners (pro bono), providing alternatives for improving the District estate tax. (Aug. 26, 2013)

Letter from William E. Davis, on behalf of a collection of prominent District estate tax practitioners (pro bono), describing major issues with the District estate tax. (July 26, 2013)

Letter from Charles Debnam, Chair of the DC Tobacco Free Coalition, offering feedback and additional information on the proposal to unify how tobacco is taxed. (Nov. 20, 2013)

Letter from Charles Debnam, Chair of the DC Tobacco Free Coalition, recommending changes to how the District taxes cigarettes and other tobacco products. (Aug. 27, 2013)

Letter from Richard Franklin and Michael Savage, members of the DC Bar, advocating for the elimination of the District estate tax. (Sept. 24, 2013).

Letter from John H. Graham IV, President and CEO of the American Society of Association Executives, arguing against the creation of a local services fee. (Nov. 5, 2013)

Letter from Kathy E. Hollinger, President of the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington, providing arguments against increasing the restaurant meals sales tax. (Oct. 18, 2013)

Letter from the International Premium Cigar & Pipe Retailers Association on tobacco taxes. (Dec. 6, 2013)

Letter from Edward Krauze, Chief Executive Officer of the District of Columbia Association of Realtors (DCAR), recommending changes to the District’s deed recordation and transfer taxes. (Oct. 22, 2013)
Letter from Dave Oberting, Chair and Executive Director of the District Economic Growth Action Fund, recommending the District increase taxes on products and services used by non-residents so the District can lower the tax burden on residents. (Sept. 11, 2013)

Letter (with attachments) from David Schwartzman of DC Citizens for Tax Justice, advocating for a more progressive tax system. (Sept. 19, 2013)

Letter from Joseph Sternlieb, CEO of the Georgetown BID, proposing DC collect tax data at the neighborhood level to aid neighborhood development organizations. (Sept. 17, 2013)

Letter from Allan Wendt, former U.S. ambassador, recommending an expansion of the exclusion for DC and federal government pensions. (Oct. 2, 2013)

Letter from Robert Zahradnik, Director, State Policy at the The Pew Charitable Trusts, with recommendations for evaluating the District’s tax expenditures, including tax incentives for economic development. (Oct. 4, 2013)