



Thank You

DC Access to Justice Commission

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As Mayor of Washington, DC, it is my pleasure to extend thanks to the DC Access to Justice Commission and the law firms, corporate and governmental legal departments, and individual lawyers who are supporting our residents in the pandemic as part of the DC REPRESENTS campaign.

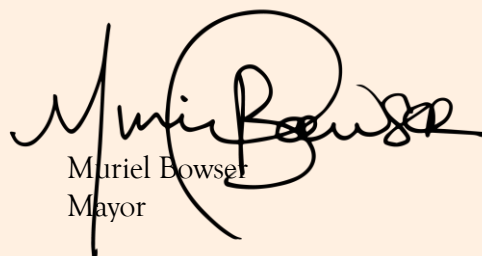


On behalf of the Government of the District of Columbia, I am proud to announce that we are joining your campaign. It is my hope that attorneys working for agencies across our government will devote time to helping residents and small businesses with their legal needs.

Health needs are naturally front and center during a public health emergency, but this pandemic and our response to it have led to mushrooming legal needs too. And, we all know that when people are represented by counsel, they are much more likely to succeed if required to appear in court or to apply for visas, asylum, or various government benefit programs. Represented persons achieve better results in mediations as well.

Washington, DC has the most generous lawyers in the country when it comes to pro bono work, and the important work of DC REPRESENTS will play a tremendous role in our city's recovery.

I have been so proud of how our residents and District government employees have come together to battle the pandemic and to help each other out. DC REPRESENTS is yet another example of this spirit of community and what I call our DC Values. As I've often said, we're all in this together, and we'll all get through this together. Washington, DC will come back stronger for your good efforts.


Muriel Bowser
Mayor

