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AOBA Aids Passage of Emergency Legislation to Protect Unpaid Federal Workers and Contractors Impacted by the Government Shutdown

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 23, 2019) –The Council of the District of Columbia (Council) adopted emergency legislation on January 22nd titled the Federal Worker Housing Relief Emergency Act of 2019. The Council felt compelled to help federal employees remain in their homes during the partial federal government shutdown without the fear of eviction.

Upon introduction, the Apartment and Office Building Association (AOBA) responded with member feedback and solutions to the measure’s sponsor Councilmember Anita Bonds (D-At Large). The measure as adopted reflects many of AOBA’s concerns and our shared goal of providing protections for unpaid federal government workers and contractors from foreclosure, eviction, and late fees during the partial federal government shutdown.

“AOBA was happy to work with the Council to support impacted federal workers and contractors during this unprecedented shutdown. AOBA’s housing provider members are committed to their rental communities and concerned about the shutdown’s impact on their residents as well as the District’s residential rental market,” stated Vice President of Government Affairs-DC Residential Randi K. Marshall.

As part of a continued effort to respond to the partial federal shutdown, AOBA also joined with the National Apartment Association (NAA), of which AOBA is the local affiliate, to distribute sample Eviction Holdoff Agreements to our members as an additional resource. AOBA will continue to partner with the District and provide information to members to achieve our shared goal of helping residents remain in their homes.

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