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Office of the Tenant Advocate

Testimony of

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Bill 23-0041, the “Taxpayer Advocate Act of 2019”

Committee on Finance and Revenue
The Honorable Jack Evans, Chairperson
Council of the District of Columbia

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Thank you, Chairperson Evans, for this opportunity to comment on Bill 23-0041, the "Taxpayer Advocate Act of 2019." I am doing so in my capacity as the Director of the DC Office of the Tenant Advocate, commonly known as the OTA.

This legislation would establish the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate as an independent agency within the District government. The acronym for this new agency, the OTA, would foreseeably cause misdirection and confusion with the Office of the Tenant Advocate. Thus I respectfully request that the bill be amended so that the name for this new agency is the "Taxpayer Advocate Office" (TAO), or some other name the acronym for which is not the "OTA."

Thank you, Chairperson Evans, for considering this request and please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.