

**Food, Environmental and Economic
Development in the District of Columbia
Amendment Act of 2016**

Before the Committee on Finance and Revenue

The Honorable Jack Evans, Chairman

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Good morning Chairman Evans and members of the Committee on Finance and Revenue. I am Bazil Facchina, Assistant General Counsel, for the Office of Tax and Revenue. I am pleased to present testimony on Bill 21-836, the “Food, Environmental and Economic Development in the District of Columbia Amendment Act of 2016.”

In general, the Bill would amend the laws governing tax incentives for supermarkets, as well the law governing the Grocery Store Development Program and the Healthy Food Retail Program to provide that census tracts 16 and 94 are eligible areas for purposes of these programs. Census tract 16 is located in upper northwest Washington and comprises an area generally bounded by Eastern Avenue, Western Avenue and Beach Drive. Census Tract 94 is located in northeast Washington and comprises an area generally bounded by Rhode Island Avenue to the south, 18th Street to the west and Eastern Avenue. If enacted, the Bill would enable supermarkets or other food retailers located in these areas to receive tax incentives or to participate in these programs, provided the other applicable requirements are satisfied.

Thank you, Chairman Evans, for the opportunity to comment on this Bill. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.