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The Honorable David Catania
Chair, Committee on Health
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 115
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chair:

I am writing on behalf of the District of Columbia Hospital Association (DCHA) to provide comments relative to the July 6th hearing on the *Blood Donation Expansion Act of 2009*. We are pleased to offer our support for the consideration and passage of the *Blood Donation Expansion Act of 2009*. This legislation empowers young adults by allowing them to perform a vital health care service for the District. The bill also helps our hospitals, so often in need of donated blood to treat our patients, to fulfill their missions. Passage of this measure would expand the District's donor pool while protecting the health and safety of minor donors--an accomplishment for all involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill. Please feel free to contact me or Stefanie Jones, Government Relations Analyst, at DCHA at (202) 289-6212 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert A. Malson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.