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Statement: Councilmember Bowser urges District residents to be prepared for the June 12 digital conversion switch

'Millions Face Blank Screens in TV Switch' screamed *The New York Times* headline in its June 5 edition. We now only have five more days until the digital conversion switch. I implore residents not to wait until Thursday night to take the steps necessary to upgrade their television sets.

I long ago sounded the alarm that District residents must be ready for the switch. As chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, which is responsible for matters related to consumer protection, I sponsored a workshop that featured representatives from the Federal Communications Commission, Verizon, Comcast, RCN, Office of Cable Television, Dish Network and the Digital Dynamo. At the workshop, officials discussed the digital TV conversion and TV and broadband service packages. A representative even demonstrated how to connect the digital converter box.

Consumers seeking more information on how to upgrade their television sets can visit www.dtv.gov or call 1-888-CALLFCC (1-888-225-5322).

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A native Washingtonian and former ANC commissioner, Councilmember Muriel Bowser is chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs and is also a member of the Committee on Economic Development, Committee on Human Services, Committee on Public Works and Transportation and the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary. Visit www.murielbowser.com for more information on Councilmember Bowser.

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