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Dear Mr. Willoughby and Ms. Branch,

In July 2011, I requested that the DC Auditor investigate the use of the DC Children & Youth Investment Trust Corporation (CYITC) to administer District government funds for youth programs. In light of recent developments demonstrating the severe misuse of these funds in some cases, I reiterate my request that your agencies investigate this matter. As you know, the Council banned its own use of earmarks in 2009 because the decision-making process to grant such funds often appeared or was in-fact overtly political in nature. I continue to be concerned that the CYITC is being used for essentially the same inappropriate purpose.

Please conduct a full analysis of the organization's role in administering District government funds, with particular attention paid to their procedures for fostering competition and minimizing political influence in the grant-making process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to your responses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser", written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Muriel Bowser
Ward 4 Councilmember
Chairman, Committee on Government Operations