

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Disability Advocates To Join D.C. Council Chairman Kwame Brown To Voice Support For Wheelchair-Accessible and Green Taxis in D.C.

Cabs with New Benefits for All to be on Display as D.C. City Council Transportation Committee Begins to Consider Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - National disability advocates and district residents who use wheelchairs will join D.C. City Council Chairman Kwame Brown at a press conference to voice support for legislation that would pave the way for more wheelchair-accessible taxicabs using clean-burning, less expensive, domestic natural gas as an alternative fuel.

Washington D.C. is one of a growing number of major cities -- including New York City, Chicago and Philadelphia -- considering plans to dramatically improve their taxi fleets, making them cleaner and accessible. The D.C. City Council's Committee on Environment, Public Works and Transportation is holding a hearing on the issue on Monday.

Attendees and members of the news media will have the opportunity to view and tour the new vehicles that are equipped to serve the 14 million Americans for whom existing fleets are inaccessible. The vehicles will be parked outside of the John A. Wilson Building where the event is occurring.

WHAT: Rally to show support for legislation on new and better taxis for D.C.

**WHO: Kwame Brown, Chairman of the D.C. City Council
Mark Perriello, President and CEO, American Association of People with Disabilities
Kelly Buckland, Executive Director, National Council on Independent Living
James Weisman, General Counsel, United Spinal Association
Madonna Long, Consumer Advocate, Pride Mobility Products, Inc.
Fred Drasner, Chairman, Vehicle Production Group
Mark Riley, Vice President, Clean Energy**

WHEN: Monday, January 30, 2012, 10:00am ET

**WHERE: Corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 13 ½ Street NW
(Outside the John A. Wilson Building)
Washington, D.C.**