Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 203 of the Clemency Board Establishment Act of 2018, effective December 13, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-197; D.C. Official Code § 24-481.03), I am pleased to nominate the following individual to the Clemency Board:

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson  
Warren Street NW  
Washington, DC 20016  
(Ward 3)

for appointment as a member with a background in victim’s rights to the Clemency Board, for a term to end four years after the date of confirmation.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the above nominee’s experience, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council’s earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

Muriel Bowser
Mayor
The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004
A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the appointment of Dr. Michael Eric Dyson to the Clemency Board.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Clemency Board Michael Eric Dyson Confirmation Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson
Warren Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016
(Ward 3)

as a member with a background in victim's rights to the Clemency Board, pursuant to section 203 of the Clemency Board Establishment Act of 2018, effective December 13, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-197; D.C. Official Code § 24-481.03), for a term to end four years after the date of confirmation.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is a Georgetown University sociology professor, a New York Times contributing opinion writer, and a contributing editor of the New Republic, and of ESPN's the Undefeated website.

Dr. Dyson has authored and/or edited more than twenty books dealing with subjects such as civil rights leaders, athletes, musicians, and more. He is a renowned scholar, ordained Baptist minister, and public intellectual. His innovative scholarship, combining cultural criticism and biography, focuses on race, religion, popular culture, and contemporary issues in the African American community.

Dr. Dyson was the Avalon Foundation Professor in the Humanities in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He has taught at the DePaul University, Chicago Theological Seminary, the University of North Carolina, and Columbia and Brown universities.

A Ward 3 resident, Dr. Dyson holds a Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University.
This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

Elizabeth Cavendish