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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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| HAYWOOD LILES,                       |              | )       |  |
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| v.<br>MURIEL BOWSER, <i>et al</i> ., | Petitioner,  | ) ) ) ) | Case: 1:15-cv-01423 Assigned To: Unassigned Assign. Date: 8/31/2015 Description: Pro Se Gen. Civil |
|                                      | Respondents. | )<br>)  |  |

## **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

This matter is before the Court on the petitioner's application to proceed *in forma* pauperis and his pro se petition for a writ of mandamus. The Court will grant the application and dismiss the petition.

The petitioner seeks a writ of mandamus to compel the respondents to issue him a District of Columbia driver's license. *See* Pet. at 1-2. "The extraordinary writ of mandamus is available to compel an 'officer or employee of the United States or any agency thereof to perform a duty owed to plaintiff,' 28 U.S.C. § 1361 (emphasis added), and the Court therefore has no authority to compel the Mayor of the District of Columbia or the remaining respondents to provide the relief petitioner requests. *See Powell v. Washington Teachers Union*, 968 F. Supp. 2d 267, 267 (D.D.C. 2013) (dismissing mandamus petition, because "the Court . . . cannot compel either the Washington Teachers Union or the Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools to provide the relief petitioner demands").

The petition for a writ of mandamus will be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. An Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

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United States District Judge