



June 25, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
235 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
2421 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Cc: All Members of the House of Representatives

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy and all Members of the House:

From the moment the District of Columbia Organic Act became law in 1801, Washingtonians have been denied full participation in their own government. For more than 200 years, the original form of voter suppression has blocked equal access to, and participation in, the representative structures that are the basis of the American ideal.

When white women were finally granted the right to vote in 1920, women in Washington, DC were left behind. When the 15th Amendment to the Constitution sought to enfranchise those who racism kept from participation, people of color in Washington were left behind. When limited home-rule passed in 1973, Congress recognized that injustice existed, but kept power over DC's local budget and laws.

Across America today, people are working to dismantle racist constructs and systems. With a majority Black and brown population, the fight for DC Statehood cannot be separated from the fight for racial justice.

The Congress has the opportunity to make the 706,000 residents of Washington, DC full members of the American story by passing H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admissions Act.

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We, the undersigned organizations, stand firmly in support of DC Statehood and urge the Congress to vote in favor of H.R. 51 and reject any Motion to Recommit.

Sincerely,

DC Vote	Communications Workers of America
51 for 51	Cottage House Inc.,
A Little Piece Of Light	D.C. Statehood - Yes We Can!
AFGE Local 3354	DC Appleseed
African American Ministers In Action	DC Democratic State Committee
Alabama State Association of Cooperatives	DC Environmental Network
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas	DC League of Women Voters
Alliance for Justice	DC Statehood Coalition
American Ethical Union	DC Ward 2 Democrats
American Family Voices	Death with Dignity National Center
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees	Declaration for American Democracy
American Federation of Teachers	Defending Rights & Dissent
American Friends Service Committee	Demand Progress
American Postal Workers Union	DemCast USA
Anacostia Coordinating Council	Democracy 21
Bend the Arc Jewish Action	Democracy for America
Black Farmers and Ranchers New Mexico	Democracy Initiative
Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law	DEMOS
Brookland Huddle-for-the-Future	Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)
Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association	Endangered Species Coalition
BYP100 DC	Faith Strategies
Campaign for Youth Justice	Farmworker Association of Florida
Center for American Progress	Food & Friends
Center for Disability Rights	Food & Water Watch
Center for Environmental Health	Friends Committee on National Legislation
Center for Popular Democracy	Futures Without Violence
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers	Green Compass
Clean Elections Texas	Greenpeace USA
Clean Water Action	Herd on the Hill
Coalition of Labor Union Women	Hip Hop Caucus
Coalition on Human Needs	Human Rights Campaign
Coalition to Stop Gun Violence	Indivisible
Common Cause	Indivisible Beach Cities
	Indivisible Media City Burbank
	IndivisibleSF
	Jews United for Justice

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Justice Policy Institute
Lambda Legal
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
League of Conservation Voters
League of Women Voters of the United States
Let America Vote/End Citizens United Action Fund
March For Our Lives
Metro DC PFLAG
Mississippi Association of Cooperatives
NAACP
NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (LDF)
National CAPACD
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC)
National Council of Jewish Women
National Employment Law Project
NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE
National Federation of Democratic Women
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
National Partnership for Women & Families
NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES UNION
Neighbors United for DC Statehood
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New Progressive Alliance
NOPE Neighbors
Our Maryland
Our Revolution DC
People For the American Way
PFLAG National
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, DC
Pride at Work
Public Citizen
Public Justice Center

Rachel Carson Council
Rural Advancement Fund of the National Sharecroppers Fund
Rural Coalition
Santa Cruz Indivisible
SEIU 32BJ
Senior Citizens Matter
Service Employees International Union
Sierra Club
SPLC Action Fund
Stand Up America
Stand Up! for Democracy in DC (Free DC)
Students for D.C. Statehood
The Fund for Community Reparations for Autistic People of Color's Interdependence, Survival, and Empowerment
The George Washington University College Democrats
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
UFCW Local 400
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity
Voices for Progress
VoteVets
Ward 3 Democrats
Ward 5 Democrats
Ward 8 Democrats
Washington Ethical Society
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