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Historic Hearing on DC Statehood July 24th!

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will be holding the first Hearing on Statehood for the people of DC in more than a quarter of a century

If you can’t come the Rayburn House Office Building on July 24th,

Hold a Watch Party!

Here’s how to do it:

1. Give your friends, neighbors, family a “Hold the Date” alert ASAP, and then invite them to your Watch Party (You can use the invitation below or make your own.)
2. Test all your equipment for audio and video.
3. Plan to serve some simple snacks and drinks.
4. Get the name(s) and address(es) of your local newspapers so you and your guests can write Letters to the Editor with your impressions of the Hearing.
5. Have paper, envelopes and stamps so your group can write those letters and mail them as they leave your Watch Party.
6. Text the word Hearing to 52886 so you can get the latest details on the Hearing as we know them.
7. Access the live stream through the Committee’s website.

*Please Note: Congressional Committees often do not post links to the hearings until the week they are supposed to be held. Please watch this space for a link when it becomes available.*

Here is a sample invitation to send to your guests:

Please join me on July 24th at 10:00 AM to watch the historic House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Hearing on the Washington, DC Admission Act (H.R. 51). This will be the first Hearing on this issue in more than a quarter century.

The 700,000+ people who live in DC do not have a vote on any final bills in the House and lack even a voice in the Senate, yet Congress holds total power over their laws, budget, and judiciary. H.R. 51, if passed, would reduce the size of the federal district to the monumental core (the Capitol, White House, Supreme Court, Senate and House Office Buildings, Mall, etc.) and admit the rest of the commercial and residential sections as the 51st state. LWV has endorsed this legislation, so members and supporters of the League all over the country are invited to view this Hearing and educate their communities about the issues.

Let’s listen to the testimony presented by the witnesses at the Hearing and, if we so choose, let’s share our impressions in Letters to the Editor of our local newspapers.

Everything we need to do this will be provided, including food, drink, stationary and stamps. Just bring yourself at 9:30 on the morning of July 24th  to (fill in location). Please let me know if you are coming so I can plan food and seats!

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