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About statehood for the people of DC

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To: Editor, Name of your newspaper

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Re: Historic Hearing on Washington, DC Admission Act (H.R. 51)

Dear Editor,

For the first time in more than 25 years, the U.S. House of Representatives just held a hearing about making Washington, D.C. a state. As I viewed the hearing in front of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, witnesses discussed the lack of Congressional voting representation suffered by the 700,000+ residents of the District of Columbia. That’s more people than live in Wyoming or Vermont and a clear example of voter suppression!

For me, this legislation and DC Statehood is important because…[Insert a personal narrative here]

The legislation suggests reducing the size of the Federal District to the area surrounding the main national government buildings, like the Capitol, Supreme Court, White House, the Mall, etc. and then admit the rest of the District, and it’s 700,000+ residents, as the 51st state. The dynamic city of Washington is home to these Americans who not only live and work in the nation’s capital, but who raise families, worship, and contribute to the rich history and community of this city.

It is unthinkable that in the greatest democracy in the world, we still have citizens who do not have the full-fledged rights of others in our country. The people who live in the District of Columbia deserve representation in a Congress that holds total power over their laws, budget, and judiciary. That is why we need to support and pass HR 51, the DC Admission Act.

Sincerely,

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