



April 14, 2020

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House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy  
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Dear President Trump and Congressional Leadership:

The tyranny of taxation without representation laid upon the people of the colonies by the British Crown was the fuel that sparked the American Revolution. More than two-hundred years have passed since the United States declared our independence from that oppression. Yet, for the more than seven hundred thousand people who call Washington, D.C., home, this unjust system remains.

The CARES Act, recently passed and signed into law, has brought that injustice into stark relief. The people of D.C. pay all the taxes everyone does, and the federal government treats D.C. as a state in hundreds of ways. However, the CARES Act includes D.C. with the territories, which shortchanges the tax-paying residents of Washington, DC out of \$725 million of needed aid to fight the coronavirus.

D.C. is not a territory. D.C. bears all the responsibilities of citizenship and deserves the benefits. This is not a time for opponents of D.C.'s efforts to secure Statehood to make a political statement.

Washington, D.C., like every state in the nation, is dealing with unprecedented challenges and, like every state, needs the full support and resources of the federal government to ensure the safety and well-being of D.C.'s residents.

We, the one hundred undersigned organizations, demand that in the next coronavirus relief bill Washington, D.C., be made whole and receive the discretionary funding that was awarded to each state in the CARES Act.

Sincerely,

DC Vote  
51 for 51  
ACLU of DC

AFSCME  
American Arab Anti-Discrimination  
Committee



American Ethical Union  
American Family Voices  
American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Postal Workers Union  
Americans for Democratic Action  
Anacostia Coordinating Council  
Audubon Naturalist Society  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Brookland Huddle for the Future  
Can't Stop! Won't Stop! Consulting  
Center for Disability Rights  
Center for Environmental Health  
Center for Popular Democracy  
Clean Elections Texas  
Clean Water Action  
Coalition to Preserve, Protect & Defend  
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
D.C. Hunger Solutions  
D.C. Statehood - Yes We Can!  
Daily Kos  
DC Chamber of Commerce  
DC Democratic Party  
DC Environmental Network  
DC Marijuana Justice  
DC NORML  
DC Statehood Coalition  
DC Statehood Green Party  
Death with Dignity National Center  
DemList  
Democracy for America  
Democracy Initiative  
DEMOS  
End Citizens United Action Fund  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Food & Water Action  
Friends of the Earth  
GLAA  
GreenLatinos

Greenpeace US  
Hip Hop Caucus  
Human Rights Campaign  
Indivisible  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
Justice For Muslims Collective  
League of Conservation Voters  
League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Metro DC PFLAG  
Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)  
NAACP  
NARAL Pro-Choice America  
National Center for Transgender Equality  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC)  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Equality Action Team  
National Federation of Democratic Women  
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund  
National Organization for Women, DC Chapter  
Neighbors United for DC Statehood  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
New Mexicans for Money Out of Politics  
New Progressive Alliance  
NORML  
Our Revolution  
People For the American Way  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, DC  
Poder Latinx  
Pride at Work



Public Citizen  
Public Justice Center

Rachel Carson Council  
Rural Coalition  
SEIU  
SEIU 32BJ  
Sierra Club  
Small Planet Institute  
Stand Up! for Democracy in DC (Free DC)  
Subcontinental Drift  
Sunrise Movement DC  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and  
Human Rights  
The United Methodist Church - General  
Board of Church and Society  
UNITE HERE Local 25  
United We Dream Network  
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender  
Equity  
Ward 2 Democrats  
Ward 3 Democrats  
Ward 7 Democrats  
Ward 8 Democrats  
Washington Ethical Society  
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless  
Washington Parks & People