

DC Republican Committee

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DC REPUBLICANS CALL ON McCONNELL & LOTT TO SUPPORT S1257

WASHINGTON, DC – The DC Republican Committee faxed the following letter to Republican Leader Senator Mitch McConnell and Republican Whip Senator Trent Lott in support of S1257, the District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007.

To date, the DC Republican Committee has met with Republican members of the Senate to signal our support for S1257 and sent letters to conservative think tanks and radio personalities.

Sent Via Fax:

Please allow the Senate to vote on S 1257, the District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007.

The DC Republican Committee (DCRC) supports this bill because we believe that after 206 years, citizens in the District of Columbia deserve voting representation in the House of Representatives. We pay higher per capita taxes than all but one state, yet cannot vote on how revenues are raised and spent. Our residents serve in our armed forces, yet we cannot vote on whether or not to go to war. The Constitution gives the Congress "exclusive jurisdiction in all cases whatsoever over the District of Columbia," but we have no voting representation in that Congress.

This Republican originated, bipartisan bill reflects our local Party's position that all citizens should have the right to vote. A 2005 nationwide public opinion poll showed that 82% of respondents supported DC voting rights in Congress.

Some people believe this bill is unconstitutional. DCRC believes that Congress has the power to grant voting rights to DC pursuant to its "exclusive legislation" over the District. If your opposition to this bill is based upon constitution grounds, Article III of the Constitution creates an independent federal judicial system which settles disputes over interpretation of the Constitution. S 1257 provides for expedited judicial review of any constitutional challenge.

Please allow this bill to come to a vote to allow the citizens of the District of Columbia representation in our Federal government, like all other citizens.

Sincerely,
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