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The National Treasury Employees Union

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Dear Senator:

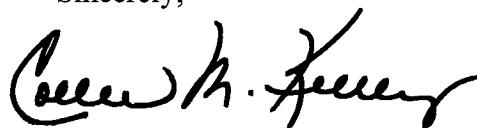
The National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) urges you to support S. 1257, the "District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act," which I understand will be voted on later this month.

This legislation, introduced by Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT), would correct a grave injustice, namely the disenfranchisement of American citizens who live in the District of Columbia. The legislation would provide voting representation in the House of Representatives for the citizens in DC. It would expand the membership in the U.S. House of Representatives by two, thereby allowing the DC seat without displacing any other state's delegation, as well as an additional seat that would go to Utah, based on the most recent census.

Voting representation in Congress for the nearly 600,000 residents of the District of Columbia is long overdue. NTEU is appreciative that the House of Representatives has already passed this legislation and, under Senator Lieberman's leadership, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee has approved it. We now ask the Senate to pass this legislation. The residents of the District of Columbia, including the many NTEU members who live there, bear all of the responsibilities of other American citizens — they pay taxes, serve on juries, are subject to federal laws, and, as I write this letter, many are bravely serving their country in Iraq and Afghanistan or in other ways.

Thank you for your consideration of NTEU's views. If you have any further questions on this matter, please feel free to contact Kurt Vorndran in our Legislation Department at 202.572.5500, ext. 7056.

Sincerely,



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