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## **LEGISLATIVE ALERT!**

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Dear Senator:

The AFL-CIO urges you to support cloture on the District of Columbia Voting Rights Act of (S. 1257). This vital measure would partially remedy a grave injustice by allowing the delegate elected by citizens of the District of Columbia to vote in the House of Representatives

More than 500,000 U.S. citizens live in our nation's capital and fulfill the responsibilities of citizenship every day. However, while they serve in the armed forces, pay federal taxes, and sit on federal juries they have no voting representation in the U.S. Congress. This intolerable situation is an affront to the very principles of democracy we hold dear.

The District of Columbia Voting Rights Act of (S. 1257) is not expected to affect the partisan balance of the House because it would simultaneously increase the number of U.S. representatives from the state of Utah. This bipartisan legislation represents a workable solution to a contentious problem, and is long overdue.

We urge you to vote for cloture on the motion to proceed to his legislation, and to support swift enactment of the D.C. Voting Rights Act.

Sincerely,

William Samuel, Director  
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