



January 19, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: Expediting Consideration of the DC Voting Rights Act (H.R. 328)**

Dear Madam Speaker:

On behalf of the DC Voting Rights Coalition, we ask that you act early in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress to pass the DC Fair and Equal House Voting Rights Act (DC Voting Rights Act, H.R. 328).

We appreciate your statements of support for DC voting rights. We are confident that, with you as Speaker, we will have our best chance in a generation to achieve congressional representation for DC citizens.

As you know, earlier this month Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and Representative Tom Davis reintroduced the DC Voting Rights Act, a bill that would give American citizens living in our nation's capital their first-ever vote in Congress. The bill is vote-neutral and balances the seat for traditionally Democratic DC with an additional seat for Republican-leaning Utah.

Working in a bipartisan fashion, Congress came very close to considering this legislation in 2006. The DC Voting Rights Coalition believes we will continue to need bipartisan support to prevail in 2007. The foundation of that support is the pairing of the District of Columbia seat with the seat for Utah.

Our hope is that this Congress will embrace H.R. 328 and act expeditiously to pass it.

With your leadership, we can end 206 years of taxation without representation in the nation's capital. Thank you for your consideration and your support.

Sincerely,

DC Vote  
African Resource Center  
All Souls! All Vote! Task Force of All Souls Church  
Coalition to Stop Gun Violence  
Common Cause  
DC Chamber of Commerce  
DC Democratic State Committee  
DC NAACP

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District of Columbia Republican Committee  
FairVote  
Foundry United Methodist Church - Democracy Project  
Friends of the Earth  
Gertrude Stein Democratic Club  
Greater Washington Urban League  
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of  
America (UAW)  
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Inc.  
National League of Cities  
National Urban League  
Our Nation's Capital  
People For the American Way  
River Road Unitarian Church, Social Justice Council  
ROOT (Reaching Out to Others Together, Inc)  
So Others Might Eat (SOME)  
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations  
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society