



March 12, 2007

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr., Chair
House Judiciary Committee
United States House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Prompt Consideration of the D.C. House Voting Rights Act of 2007

Dear Chairman Conyers:

On behalf of Democracy For Utah (D4U), a state-wide grassroots political organization dedicated to promoting American values such as civic participation, good government, and social responsibility in Utah, we thank you for your leadership in support of the DC House Voting Rights Act of 2007 (H.R.1433).

The bill, which received broad bi-partisan support in the 109th Congress, is now scheduled for consideration before the full Judiciary Committee this week. It is our great hope that the 110th Congress consensus bill will be reported by your committee without delay, and voted on by the full House before the April 2nd break. With your guidance and continued support for this legislation, we believe now is the time for Utah to receive its historic fourth congressional seat that we so narrowly missed gaining after the last national reapportionment.

As you know, the newly introduced bill restores the at-large fourth seat to Utah as originally set forth in H.R. 5388 of the 109th Congress. H.R. 1433, which you helped craft, continues to pair voting representation in the House of Representatives for citizens living in the District of Columbia with the additional Utah seat by expanding the size of the House to 437 members. This approach is vote-neutral and balances the seat for traditionally Democratic DC with an additional seat for Republican-leaning Utah. Both D4U and our national DFA support this bipartisan approach to expanding democratic rights to all under- and unrepresented American citizens, as is embodied in this bill, and we strongly believe such bipartisanship is needed for this bill to prevail in 2007.

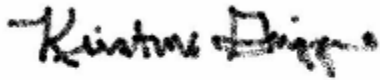
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With your continued leadership, we can expand Utah's rightful voice in Congress while ending 206 years of taxation without representation for the citizen's of our nation's capital. Thank you for your consideration and your support.

Sincerely,



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Cc: The Honorable Lamar Smith, Ranking Member
The Honorable Rob Bishop
The Honorable Chris Cannon
The Honorable Jim Matheson
The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, DC Delegate
The Honorable Tom Davis