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Dear Representative:

We are writing to urge you to help provide Americans living in Washington, DC, with representation in Congress by co-sponsoring and working to enact H.R. 2043, the DC Fairness in Representation Act (DC FAIR Act).

DC residents pay federal income taxes, serve on juries and die in wars to defend American democracy, but they do not have voting representation in the Congress. As we work to extend and secure democracy around the world, the time has come to provide American democracy for Americans living in our nation's capital.

As you may know, Representative Tom Davis introduced the DC FAIR Act in 2005 with Republican and Democratic co-sponsors and the support of the Washington, DC City Council and Mayor. The bill provides Washingtonians with a voting member of the House of Representatives for the first time ever.

Together with the No Taxation Without Representation Act (S. 195 and H.R. 398) sponsored by Senator Joe Lieberman and DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, there is growing bipartisan interest in addressing DC voting rights. Members of Congress are tapping into a strong sentiment throughout the country. A national poll conducted by KRC Research in January 2005 showed that 82 percent of Americans believe that DC residents deserve full voting representation in Congress.

The DC FAIR Act is an excellent first step. Some are concerned that the bill would force redistricting in Utah. But recently the congressional Republican delegation from Utah, together with Utah's Governor, embraced making the fourth temporary seat "at-large," thereby eliminating the need for redistricting. For more information about the bill and about DC voting rights, visit [www.dcvote.org](http://www.dcvote.org).

Please help bring American democracy to people living in America's capital by co-sponsoring the DC FAIR Act (H.R. 2043).

Sincerely,

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