



Sample Talking Points

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For Letters to Congress and the Media

- The residents of Washington, DC, America's capital, are denied a vote in Congress. They have no voting representatives and no senators.
- The residents of DC are denied a vote on every national issue from health care to jobs to education to Supreme Court nominees and the list goes on.
- DC residents pay the second highest per capita federal taxes in the nation.
- DC residents have fought and died for America every time the country was called to war, from the Revolutionary War to the current war in Iraq.
- There are more people that live in DC (553,000 in 2004) than the entire state of Wyoming (506,000 in 2004). Wyoming is represented by two U.S. Senators and one U.S. Representative. The Vice President of the United States (Dick Cheney) is also from Wyoming. DC has no voting representation.
- Washington, DC, is the only capital city of any democracy *in the world* that denies its residents voting rights in the national legislature.
- The United States of America is violating international law by not providing DC residents with equal voting rights in Congress.
- With both the 'No Taxation Without Representation Act of 2005' (introduced earlier this year) and the 'DC FAIR Act' currently before Congress, there is bi-partisan support to end DC's denial of congressional voting representation.
- It's time for a change. It's time to bring American democracy to America's capital.