



March 14, 2016.

Dear Secretary Clinton,

The next President can play a major role in bringing representative democracy to the District of Columbia, and repair an aspect of our political system that is an international embarrassment.

We greatly appreciate your public support for DC statehood, which would guarantee equal rights to Americans living in the District. As President, you would have the opportunity to significantly advance our shared goal of equal rights for the people of DC.

Further, addressing the ongoing lack of political rights for DC would help relieve a simmering international problem for the United States. Both the United Nations and the Organization of American States have declared the current status of DC a violation of international agreements on political rights, and called on the U.S. Congress to correct this situation.

While Congress ultimately has the ability to give DC a vote in Congress and statehood, as President you would have certain tools at your disposal to advance this cause. As such, DC Vote requests your response on the following potential efforts that could be undertaken by the next President:

1. Draft and recommend statehood legislation, or issue an executive order granting full and equal rights.
2. Issue a Presidential proclamation supporting statehood for the portion of DC outside of the central federal enclave.
3. Direct a presidential task force to develop a list of recommendations on how best to provide equal rights and full jurisdictional autonomy to the District of Columbia.

Presidential involvement in advancing democracy for the people of the District would bring substantial attention to our struggle and remove a potential vulnerability when the US promotes democracy around the world.

We respectfully request that you respond to this inquiry by March 31, 2016. Please feel free to contact me at kperry@dcvote.org, or call 202-462-6000 ext. 111.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Perry".

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