Equality for D.C.

“There is no right more basic to our democracy than the right to participate in electing our political leaders.”

Chief Justice John Roberts

Did you know?

✔ The District of Columbia is home to nearly 660,000 Americans living in more than 120 unique neighborhoods.

✔ Federal officials are a tiny proportion of the population. More than fifty percent of residents have lived in DC at least twenty years.

✔ DC’s local economy is one of the strongest in the nation. At $12.5 billion, it is larger than the budgets of 12 states.

✔ DC residents can vote for President, but have no voting representative in the House or U.S. Senate.

The Facts

• Washingtonians pay federal taxes, fight and die in wars, yet have no vote in Congress.

• The denial of equal congressional voting rights to the citizens of Washington, DC is a serious human rights violation. It places the United States in contravention of numerous international human rights treaties and agreements including the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)*.

• Unlike any jurisdiction in the nation, the local laws and local budget passed by local elected leaders require the approval of Congress.

• A 2013 DC Vote national poll shows Americans strongly support equal representation and more local autonomy for the District of Columbia.

• There is an active, robust movement to restore democratic equality to Washingtonians through national education and legislative advocacy.

Learn more at [DCVote.org](http://DCVote.org). DC Vote is the largest national organization dedicated to strengthening democracy and securing equality for all in the District of Columbia.