



August 21, 2025

**Oppose Takeover of D.C. Responsibilities, Support Statehood Instead**

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of DC Vote and the 76 other undersigned local and national organizations, we write to express our strong opposition to President Trump's takeover of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, his deployment of the National Guard in D.C., and his request for more power over the lives of Americans living in our nation's capital.

President Trump's actions are unwarranted. Under the Home Rule Act, the President may nationalize the D.C. Metropolitan Police when an emergency exists that requires such action "for federal purposes." No such emergency exists. Violent crime is down by 26 percent in D.C. compared to last year. In fact, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, violent crime in D.C. is at a 30-year low.

The high-profile crimes cited by the President, while unacceptable, served as a pretext to launch a takeover of D.C. We urge you to reject his and other people's efforts to continue federal control over D.C.'s local police and/or to change the Home Rule Act. Taking any of those steps would be a violation of the American principle of self-government and send a single to your constituents that their local government may be next.

Instead, we urge you to cosponsor and pass the D.C. Admissions Act, S.51 and H.R. 51. The President's actions make clear once again that Americans in D.C. are second class citizens in their own country. We must right this historic wrong by providing Washingtonians with full voting representation in both chambers of Congress. We look forward to working with you to fulfill the promise of American democracy by making D.C. the 51<sup>st</sup> state.

Sincerely,

DC Vote

A. Philip Randolph Institute

ACLU-D.C.

Action Together NEPA

Advancement Project

American Federation of Teachers

American Humanist Association

Anacostia Coordinating Council

Asbury United Methodist Church

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action

Black Voters Matter Fund  
Brand Yourself Ministries LLC  
Campaign Legal Center  
Center for Common Ground  
Choose Democracy  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)  
Clean Elections Texas  
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues  
Common Defense  
D.C. Chapter of National Organization for Women  
DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice  
DC Democratic State Committee  
DC Jobs with Justice  
Declaration for American Democracy  
DemCast USA  
Democracy Defenders Action  
Equal Ground Action Fund  
Faith in Action National Network  
Feminist Majority  
FREE DC  
Free Speech For People  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Generation Vote  
GOODProjects  
Howard University  
Indivisible  
Indivisible Santa Fe  
League of Conservation Voters  
League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Long Live GoGo  
Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO  
National Action Network  
National Association of Social Workers  
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund  
National Organization for Women  
National Women's Law Center Action Fund  
Neighbors United for DC Statehood

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Peace Action  
People For the American Way  
People Power United  
Public Citizen  
Reframe Health and Justice  
Rev. Dr. Dollie Howell Pankey  
Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ  
Scott United Methodist Church  
Secure Elections Network  
Stand Up America  
Task Force for Democracy  
The Hustlers Guild  
The Voter Participation Center  
The Workers Circle  
Transformative Justice Coalition  
Voto Latino  
Ward 3 Democratic Committee  
Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs  
Womxn From The Mountain