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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
235 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
2421 Rayburn House Office Building
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Washington, DC 20515

Cc: All Members of the House of Representatives

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy and all Members of the House:

The population of DC is made up of people much like the rest of our great nation. Washington is families raising children, health care workers providing services, bankers, auto mechanics, pastors, barbers, social workers, artists, actors, teachers and stay at home parents. Much like your constituents, your neighbors back home.

We deserve, simply, to be fully part of our democracy, to be equal to your constituents in your states. No one in America should be excluded from full and equal representation just because of their zip code.

Our nation has a rich legacy of continuing to expand equal representation. Each step in the history of making our democracy available to more and more people resulted in a stronger nation, a fairer nation, one that more closely upholds the true values of our democracy.

The status of Statehood for the people of DC is the unfinished business of that legacy. It is the unfinished business of the civil rights movement. It is the unfinished business of the original effort to end tyranny through taxation without representation. It is time to move forward to full democracy truly for all.

This Congress can make the 712,000 residents of Washington, DC full members of the American story by passing H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admissions Act. We, the undersigned organizations, stand firmly in support of DC Statehood and urge the Congress to vote in favor of H.R. 51.

Sincerely,