

Representation
in Congress is
a civil right and
the exclusion of

> **646,000**
citizens

is a blemish on
our American
democracy.

**We can do
better.**

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DC Vote is a national
organization dedicated
to securing full voting
representation in Congress
for the more than 646,000
disenfranchised residents of
the District of Columbia.

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**A FAIRER AMERICA
FOR DC RESIDENTS**

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DC Vote envisions a fairer America where residents of the nation's capital are first class citizens. This will be evidenced by DC gaining the freedom to control its own budget, pass its own laws without congressional interference, and have the right to representation in the US House of Representatives and the US Senate equal to each of the 50 states. This will be permanently guaranteed for Americans in the District only when DC is granted Statehood.



Americans living in our nation's capital raise families, pay federal taxes, fight and die in wars, and serve on juries, yet are denied voting representation in Congress. DC residents elect a mayor and council, but all locally-passed laws, as well as the budget allocating DC's local tax revenues must still be sent to Congress for review and approval. Congress can also overrule decisions of the local government at any time. No other jurisdiction in the country is subjected to such oversight.



In 2013, 83 percent of DC voters supported a budget autonomy referendum launched by DC Vote. The referendum gives DC greater control over its local tax dollars and by an act of Congress, is now law.

As the recognized leader in the DC equality movement, DC Vote:

- Educates American and International audiences about DC's lack of representation in the United States Congress
- Activates citizens and diverse constituencies both in DC and beyond, to stand up and speak out about this injustice
- Leads and manages the bi-partisan National DC Voting Rights Coalition to educate Members of Congress and their staff
- Advocates for the enactment of critical federal legislation that moves DC toward greater equality

We have made important progress in our fight for equality. In 2009, the Senate passed the DC Voting Rights Act. DC Vote and our Coalition have removed a number of onerous spending provisions that attacked DC home rule. And, every day we continue to push for the same rights enjoyed by all Americans.

DC Vote will continue to empower people to effectively advocate for the rights of DC residents until we secure full democracy and equality for the people of the District of Columbia.



After DC Vote petitioned the White House, President Obama ordered that DC's Taxation Without Representation license plates be placed on the Presidential limousine fleet.