



February 8, 2017

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

Recently, some members of Congress have indicated their intent to tamper with the laws of the District of Columbia. These proposed congressional intrusions include bills to: (1) repeal the District's gun violence prevention measures; (2) ban the use of the District's local tax dollars to provide reproductive rights-related health services for low-income women; and (3) overturn the Death with Dignity Act, a new law permitting the District's mentally competent, terminally ill adults to obtain a prescription from their physicians to shorten an unnecessarily difficult dying process.

We understand that people of good faith may disagree on the substantive policy matters involved. In fact, we the undersigned organizations have no collective consensus position on the underlying issues. However, we unite to oppose congressional interference with the District's self-determination in governance. These federal congressional actions would unjustly undermine important local decisions made by the people of the District of Columbia through their elected leaders.

As is the case with residents of your congressional districts and home states, the District's residents should have the ability to enact local laws to address pressing local concerns. We urge you to respect local autonomy by opposing these efforts to thwart the will of the District of Columbia's residents.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director

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[AFSCME Local 1808](#)

[Americans for Responsible Solutions](#)

[Center for Reproductive Rights](#)

[Compassion and Choices](#)

[DC Federation of Democratic Women](#)

[DC Statehood Green Party](#)

[Human Rights Campaign](#)

[League of Women Voters of DC](#)

[NAACP](#)

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[Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence](#)

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[DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice](#)

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