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ACTION ALERT: Vote Now on DC Voting Rights!

With new leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives, legislation to provide voting rights in the House for citizens of the District of Columbia, H.R. 328, can go to the floor for passage early this year. Please contact your Representative and ask for quick action in the new Congress to pass the bill.

The DC Voting Rights Act was ready to go to the floor late last year, but the leadership at that time decided not to proceed. With new leadership which is more attuned to voting rights issues, we have an historic opportunity to take another step in the long struggle for full voting rights for every citizen in our nation.

[Keep the momentum going! Please contact your Representative now and urge her or him to support quick enactment of H.R. 328, the DC Fair and Equal House Voting Rights Act of 2007.](#)

Citizens of the District of Columbia pay U.S. taxes, fight and die for the U.S. during wartime, and are governed by the laws that Congress passes. And yet they have no voting representation in Congress. They have only a non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives.

The “DC Fair and Equal House Voting Rights Act,” sponsored by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D DC) and Representative Tom Davis (R VA), would right this wrong. The legislation provides voting representation in the House for DC citizens by increasing the size of the House by two seats – one for DC and the other for the state of Utah, which is entitled to the next seat by size of population. This balanced approach provides voting rights for District citizens without upsetting the partisan balance of the House.

Americans living in the nation’s capital deserve to have voting representation in the body that makes their laws, taxes them and can call them to war. Only Congress can ensure that the democracy Americans have espoused and fought for across the globe becomes a reality in the nation’s capital.

[Take action today to support DC voting rights!](#)

A basic principle of democracy is at stake. Your Representative needs to hear from you today! Please urge your Representative to support H.R. 328.

TAKE ACTION

1. Contact your Representative now, by phone and by email, and urge her/him to support quick enactment of the bipartisan bill to provide representation in the U.S. House of Representatives to the citizens of the District of Columbia. Tell your Representative to cosponsor and vote for H.R. 328, the Norton-Davis bill, to provide for DC voting rights.

Phone calls are helpful and can be made through the Capitol Hill switchboard at 202-224-3121 or 202-225-3121. [Click here to enter your zip code and send an instant message to your Representative now!](#)

2. Send this alert to other concerned citizens — your grassroots network, your friends and coworkers. Encourage them to contact their Representative today!

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