

WARD 3 DEMOCRATS

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North Dakota Legislative Council
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Subject: Support for SCR-4009 – Urging Congress to Admit Washington, D.C. as a State

Dear North Dakota Legislative Council:

On behalf of the Ward 3 Democrats located in the District of Columbia, I am writing to express our strong support for SCR-4009, a concurrent resolution urging Congress to support the admission of Washington, D.C. into the Union as a state. We urge you and your colleagues to vote in favor of this important resolution, which affirms the fundamental principles of democracy and representation for all American citizens.

More than 700,000 residents of Washington, D.C. contribute to our nation's economy, serve in our military, and uphold the responsibilities of citizenship, yet they remain without voting representation in Congress. This lack of representation contradicts the founding ideals of our democracy, where taxation without representation was a driving force behind the American Revolution. Despite paying federal taxes, D.C. residents have no voting members in either the House of Representatives or the Senate.

Statehood for Washington, D.C. is a matter of fairness, justice, and equal representation. The district's population exceeds that of some states, and its residents deserve the same rights and privileges as their fellow Americans. By supporting this resolution, North Dakota joins a growing movement that recognizes the necessity of full political representation for all citizens, regardless of where they reside.

We urge the North Dakota Legislature to pass this resolution and send a clear message to Congress that the time for D.C. statehood is now. We appreciate your leadership and consideration of this critical issue. Please feel free to contact us at ward3democrats@gmail.com we can provide further information or assistance in advancing this resolution.

Sincerely,



Deirdre P. Brown, J.D., Chair
Ward 3 Democrats