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Dear Members of the North Dakota State Legislature,

I am Martin White, a resident of the District of Columbia. I was born here 75 years ago, and mostly lived here after also living in Texas, New York, and other places. My wife lived in Bismarck for a while in her twenties and has told me about her time there and introduced me to friends she met.

I urge you to support SCR 4009, the resolution urging Congress to admit the District of Columbia as a state of the United States. A fundamental principle of our country is that government works best when people can elect the members of the legislature and the chief executive, like people in North Dakota and other states. DC residents pay federal taxes and are subject to federal law just like citizens of North Dakota, Texas, and other states and should play a similar role in choosing our elected representatives.

Thank you for considering my views.

Martin White