

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
TO SCR 4009

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Committee chair and members of the committee, my name is Denise Ann Dykeman. I am a resident of Minot, North Dakota, and practicing attorney. I am here in support of SCR 4009. I support this bill because it provides representation and a voice in Congress to taxpaying citizens of the United States who live in Washington, DC like everyone else.

Before I moved to North Dakota in 2021, I lived in Washington, DC. Before that, I lived in Kansas and Indiana. It was frustrating to go from living in states where I could contact my representatives with my concerns to DC where the only person I could contact was Eleanor Holmes Norton, and while she is very lovely and smart, she is a Delegate to United States House of Representatives and doesn't have a vote!

I felt it was unfair that I was still a taxpaying citizen but no longer had representation in Congress just because I lived in DC. The DC license plates say "taxation without representation" and that's exactly right and totally un-American.

Now that I'm in ND, I live in a state with almost the same population as DC and but the state of North Dakota has two senators in the United States Senate and one at-large representative in the United States House of Representatives.

As of July 2024:

Washington, D.C. had a population of 702,250
North Dakota had a population of 796,568.

DC resident: 0 reps
ND resident: 3 reps

I don't think it's fair. Every citizen should have a voice in Congress.

Please support SCR 4009

Respectfully,

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