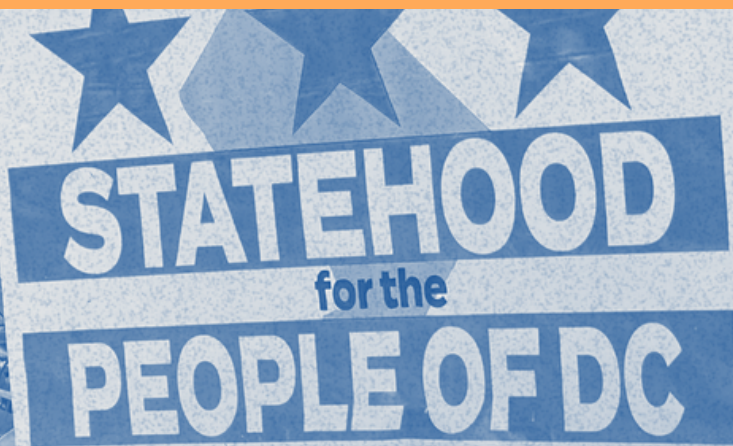




D.C. STATEHOOD SUPPORTER TOOLKIT

INSTRUCTIONS

Use this toolkit however it works best for you. Share the posts as written, update the copy to fit your voice, and turn these points into a video. The format and words can change, but the message should stay clear: **D.C. residents deserve full representation, and D.C. needs to become the 51st state.**

CORE MESSAGE

People in D.C. work, raise families, pay federal taxes, and contribute to their communities just like people everywhere else. But they don't have voting representation in Congress, and Congress can dictate their local laws and local tax dollars.

People outside D.C. wouldn't accept that our communities. Ultimately, D.C. needs to become the 51st state. Until then, all of us can help defend D.C.'s local democracy.



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

QUICK LINKS

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FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

COPY

Americans are dealing with rising costs and trying to make ends meet. Members of Congress should be focused on delivering results for the people they represent — not micromanaging our nation's capital.

Congress should let D.C. govern itself and focus its time on issues back home.

Tell Congress to support D.C. statehood so they can focus on getting things done for the people they represent.

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TELL CONGRESS:



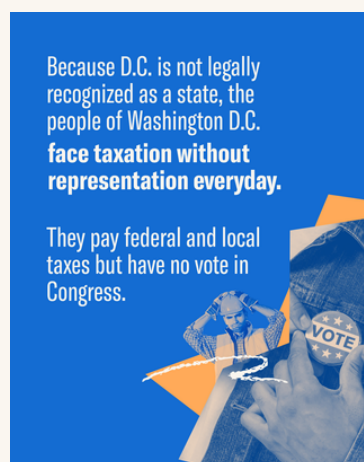
**STOP MICROMANAGING
OUR NATION'S CAPITAL.**

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Washington, D.C. is the only national capital in the democratic world whose citizens do not have equal voting and representation rights. It is constitutional and necessary to grant statehood and full and equal voting rights to the 700,000 people of D.C.

People who live in Washington, D.C. are just like people who live in any other state. They deserve the same full voting rights as every other American.

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TELL CONGRESS:



**SUPPORT D.C.
STATEHOOD NOW.**

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D.C. service members risk their lives to protect the rights of Americans, yet they are denied their own full rights at home.

Join us in ensuring D.C. residents have an equal voice in our democracy by supporting statehood.

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At this moment, **30,000 veterans and 11,000 active-duty servicemembers** are being denied their full voting rights, simply because they live in D.C.

This is wrong. **But you can help.**



TELL CONGRESS:



**SUPPORT LOCAL
FREEDOM IN OUR
NATION'S CAPITAL.**

BLUESKY, TWITTER AND THREADS

D.C. residents pay federal taxes but have no voting representation in Congress.
We wouldn't accept that for our state.
D.C. shouldn't have to either.

D.C. deserves statehood.
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Congress should focus on delivering results for the country, not micromanaging D.C.

Let D.C. govern itself. It's time to make D.C. the 51st state.

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VIDEO SCRIPTS

Aim for 45–90 seconds. You don't need to memorize this. Make it sound like you.

“I WOULDN'T ACCEPT THIS HERE”

“I live in [STATE], and I have something the people of Washington, D.C. don't have: a vote in Congress. People in D.C. work, raise families, pay federal taxes and contribute to their communities just like we do. But they don't have voting representation in Congress — and Congress can even dictate their local laws. I wouldn't accept that here in [STATE]. So why should we accept it for D.C.?
D.C. deserves to become the 51st state.”

“IMAGINE THIS HAPPENING TO US”

“Imagine if members of Congress from hundreds or thousands of miles away could interfere with the laws we pass here in [STATE] — and imagine we don't even have a vote in that Congress. That's what people in Washington, D.C. deal with. We wouldn't accept that for our state, and we shouldn't accept it for theirs. D.C. residents deserve equal representation. Tell Congress that D.C. deserves statehood.”

“CONGRESS HAS OTHER THINGS TO DO”

“People in [STATE] are worried about the cost of groceries, housing, health care and making ends meet. That's what I want my members of Congress focused on. But instead, they are micromanaging the local laws of Washington, D.C., which has its own local government and doesn't even have a vote in Congress. Let D.C. govern itself. And let's finally make D.C. the 51st state.”

MAKE IT YOURS

Talk about why representation matters to you or what it would mean if your own state didn't have a voting voice in Congress. You don't need to use every talking point. The most important idea is simple:

We in [STATE] have representation. D.C. residents deserve it too.

Record vertically, keep your phone around eye level, and find a quiet place with good lighting. Speak like you're explaining the issue to a friend, not reading a statement. Aim to keep your video under 90 seconds.

EMAIL

I wanted to share something I think more people outside Washington, D.C. should be talking about.

The people who live in D.C. work, raise families, pay federal taxes and contribute to their communities just like the rest of us. But unlike us, they don't have voting representation in Congress. At the same time, Congress has the power to dictate their local laws and how their local tax dollars are spent.

I wouldn't accept that where I live, and I don't think we should accept it for our nation's capital.

Especially when Americans are struggling with rising costs, members of Congress should be focused on delivering results for the people they represent — not micromanaging a community hundreds or thousands of miles away from their home states.

Ultimately, D.C. needs to become the 51st state. Let's work together to ensure that occurs. Join me in action by signing on: Congress: Support D.C. Statehood Now.

If we expect representation and local democracy for our own communities, D.C. residents deserve the same.

With care,

<YOUR NAME>