



District of Columbia Democratic Party
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Senator Harry Reid
Majority Leader
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Dear Senator Reid:

We, the members of the District of Columbia Democratic State Committee, the governing body of the DC Democratic Party are writing to ask you to bring to the Senate floor bill S-1257, "The District of Columbia Voting Rights Act of 2007" before the Senate adjourns this session. We believe that the combined support that you and sponsors Senators Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) and Orin Hatch (R-UT), and Representatives Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Tom Davis (R-VA) and others have garnered in favor of S-1257 is a testament that the Democratic House and Senate are bringing real change. Passage will bring the Democratic House majority another House member for 600,000 residents of the District of Columbia and voting representation in Congress to the people of the nation's capital after 200 years without our rights as citizens. We ask that you once again give every member of the Senate the opportunity to support this constitutionally sound compromise addressing the rights of the residents of this overwhelmingly Democratic district, where the voters have been shamefully treated as second class citizens. We are proud to finally have a Democratic-controlled House, which quickly passed the bill last year. We are equally fortunate that the Senate too is finally under the leadership of Democrats and that you are a leader who believes in equal rights and representation.

Just as you led us to the vote where S-1257 almost achieved the vote, we ask that you go the full distance and that you not stop until our citizens have voting representation in the House of Representatives. Our vote is in your hands.
We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Anita Bonds, Chair