

## **Sample Washington, DC Statehood Letter**

Dear [Senator or Representative],

As a resident of [State], I am privileged to have you represent me in the United States Congress. It is a privilege that I take seriously and hold dear because you connect me to the laws that govern our country. Unfortunately, I realize that the residents of Washington, DC do not have the same representation that I do, even though they do everything that is required of American citizens. That is why I support statehood for Washington, DC.

DC residents are our friends and family, people who work for you and our federal agencies, and full citizens of the United States. Like me and you, they pay federal taxes. They serve in the armed forces, raise families, and work hard. Because DC residents have the same obligations we do, they deserve the same rights that I and all your constituents enjoy, so that they will have Senators and a Representative to represent their priorities on education, health care, and the federal budget.

DC Statehood is not and should not be a partisan issue, because it is about the fundamental American values of equality, fairness, and full democracy. The lack of full democracy for the residents of our nation's capital is a threat to democracy for all Americans. I support statehood for these reasons, and I hope you do, too. I urge you to support the Washington, DC Admission Act and join as a cosponsor.

Thank you,