

March 5, 2009

The Honorable John T. Salazar  
House of Representatives  
326 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0603

Re: Support DC Voting Rights

Dear Representative Salazar:

The League of Women Voters of La Plata County urges you to support the D.C. House Voting Rights Act and oppose all amendments. This bill is an important step in the long struggle for full voting rights for every citizen in our nation. Please don't allow this bill to get bogged down with irrelevant amendments, no matter how important those amendments are.

Citizens of Washington, D.C. have always fulfilled the obligations of American citizenship by paying federal taxes, serving in the military, and contributing leaders in nearly every field of human endeavor. Yet they are denied voting representation in the U.S. Congress, the very body that has ultimate authority over every aspect of the city's judicial, executive and legislative functions.

The principle that all citizens are entitled to a vote in their national government is a cornerstone of American democracy. Please support that principle by supporting the D.C. House Voting Rights Act and opposing all amendments to the bill.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn T. Brown