

Senators Udall and Bennet:

The League of Women Voters of La Plata County urges you to vote for cloture on the District of Columbia Voting Rights legislation so the Senate can consider this vital issue. Democracy that all Americans have fought for across the world through the last 250 years must be extended to the citizens of the nation's capital.

Voters in our nation's capital are not afforded the same rights as voters in the rest of the country. They pay U.S. taxes, fight and die for the U.S. during wartime, and are governed by the laws that Congress passes. And yet they have no voting representation in Congress. The District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2009 (S. 160) will right this wrong by providing voting rights for District citizens without upsetting the partisan balance of the House or affecting the composition of the Senate. □□

District citizens deserve to have the same rights as other Americans, including voting representation in the body that makes their laws, taxes them and can call them to war. Only Congress can ensure that the democracy Americans have espoused and fought for across the globe becomes a reality in the nation's capital. □ Don't allow this legislation to die.

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