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Dear Representative:

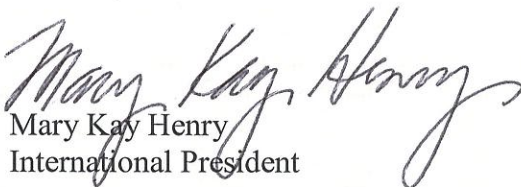
On behalf of the two million members of the Service Employees International Union (“SEIU”), I write to urge you to support and co-sponsor H.R. 51, the “Washington, D.C. Admission Act.” The right to vote and to equal representation is a pillar of democracy, and it is time to ensure these rights extend fully to the 700,000 residents of the District of Columbia through admission into the Union.

As a union, we understand the importance of giving working people a seat at the table where decisions are made. Every day, SEIU members are on the front lines fighting for their vision of a just society that ensures that all people—Black, white, or brown—have the ability to be heard in the workplace and at the ballot box. We know that when working peoples’ voices are left out, the policies enacted do not reflect their needs or those of their families and communities. Workers in D.C. who serve this community by keeping our nation’s institutions safe and clean deserve a vote in Congress.

The push for statehood is important to ensure that workers and residents of the District of Columbia are never without a voice in their democracy. Eighty percent of voters in the District of Columbia have expressed their desire to join the Union with full rights, an overwhelming majority that cannot and should not be ignored by Congress.

We appreciate your attention to this vital issue of ensuring everyone in our democracy has a voice. We hope that Congress will soon act to admit the District of Columbia as a state in the Union and that this effort will have your support. If you have additional questions, please contact John Foti at john.foti@seiu.org or (202)-730-7157.

Sincerely,



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