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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal  
and World Affairs

Measure: SJM6

To The Members of The Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management,  
and World Affairs:

SJM 6 if passed, would endorse statehood for Washington, DC. Not only is this unconstitutional (Article I, Section 8), but it would give even more power to those who seek to undermine our constitutional rights. Because the district is mostly populated by government employees, the district is controlled by those who are dependent on the US government for their paycheck. The fox would be guarding the hen house.

Statehood would negate our founders' intention that the district remain politically neutral. I agree with one of only 5 testimonies posted that if the issue is a person's ability to vote in presidential elections, then provide a means for them vote for president in Maryland, Virginia, or West Virginia, the neighboring states. They already have representation in Congress by an at-large delegate.

Please VOTE NO on SJM 6.

Thank you!.