

Support the Termination Resolution



TELL CONGRESS:

DC needs local power, not attacks

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Overview

Since August 2025, Republicans in Congress have advanced 16 bills and more than 20 budget riders that attempt to undo DC laws and power. Six of these bills are now pending floor votes in the House. **These bills are a unified attack against DC and they deserve unified opposition.** Every Member of Congress who believes in democracy, opposes this president's agenda, and supports local control over local laws should oppose these bills.

The call lists and scripts below are designed for DC residents and our allies across the country to support both of these demands. **If you live in DC**, use the tools starting on page 2. **If you live outside of DC**, use the tools starting on page 5.

Call List + Script for DC residents

DC friends, we don't have voting representatives in Congress — so we're going to talk to all of them.

[Use this spreadsheet to start calling through the 64 priority members of Congress who need to hear from DC on this issue.](#)

Pick representatives from states to which you have a personal connection, or just pick an office which hasn't been called yet. It's ideal for each office to get called about 10 times.

As you have conversations, note what you hear from staff in the comments field of that spreadsheet. **Make a call to five offices** if you can.

Call Script for DC residents

- “Hello. My name is [your name], I'm a resident of the District of Columbia. **I'm calling to ask [Senator or Representative Name] to oppose several bills in the House that attack DC.** Do you have a minute to talk about this?”
 - *They might tell you that you are not a constituent. Do not accept this. If Congress is voting on overturning local DC laws, it should hear from DC residents.*
- “Thanks so much. **How are you doing today?**”
 - *Give them a chance to respond.*
- “That's great. Again, my name is [your name]. I live in Ward [#] and I've been a DC resident for [# of years]. DC is a wonderful community and I'm so proud to call it home. **Do you live in DC?**”
 - *Give them a chance to respond.*
- “**DC communities do not want to be attacked by this president or his allies in Congress.**”
 - “We do not want Trump's armed soldiers in our streets.”
 - “We do not want Trump's masked agents kidnapping innocent people here.”

- “We do not want interference from people we did not elect. That includes all of Congress, including your member.”
- “There are two bills scheduled for a floor vote **this week**, and four more bills expected to come up soon. **I am calling to ask your member to oppose all of them.**”

Coming up the week of November 17:

- **H.R. 5214**, the “District of Columbia Cash Bail Reform Act of 2025.” This bill will attempt to return DC to a cash bail system, a practice which we know is racist and that keeps innocent people in jail if they can’t pay their way out.
- **H.R. 5107/S.2687**, the “Common-Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability Now in DC Act of 2025.” This bill will attempt to undo DC’s 2022 police reforms to expand use of body-worn cameras and make it harder for the police department to fire abusive officers, among other provisions.

Coming up in following weeks:

- **H.R. 5179**, the “District of Columbia Attorney General Appointment Reform Act.” This bill will attempt to eliminate DC’s locally elected Attorney General and grant the President sole authority to nominate a replacement.
- **H.R. 5172**, the “Strong Sentences for Safer D.C. Streets Act.” This bill will attempt to increase or establish mandatory minimum sentences for a number of offenses, and remove the exception for minors.
- **H.R. 5242/S. 2815**, to repeal D.C.’s Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act of 2016 and the Second Chance Amendment Act of 2022. An amendment was added to this bill in committee that would prohibit automated traffic enforcement in DC and undo the no-right-on-red traffic safety law.
- **H.R. 5163**, the “Clean and Managed Public Spaces Act.” This bill will attempt to prohibit camping on public property in DC — effectively criminalizing homelessness.
- “FreeDCproject.org/congress has more information about all these bills.”

- **“I would be glad to send you that link by email.** What’s the best email address for you?”
- “We’re asking members of Congress to commit to being on DC’s side on all these issues. **Will your member VOTE NO on the bills attacking DC?**”

If yes:

- “Thank you so much! We really appreciate your solidarity!”
- “Our team will follow up to celebrate them publicly.”

If uncertain:

- “I understand. We’d like to be able to celebrate the member publicly if they decide to side with DC. When do you expect they will make their decision?”
- **“Thank you again for your time.** I will send you a follow-up email with more information. Have a great day.”

Submit the responses you heard [in the call spreadsheet](#)

Call List + Script for allies outside DC

For allies outside DC, call the Capitol Switchboard at **(202) 224-3121**. You have one Representative and two Senators: call that number three separate times and ask to be transferred to each of them.

Call Script for allies outside DC

- “Hello. My name is [your name], I’m a resident of [your city or town] but am calling in solidarity with residents of the District of Columbia. Specifically, **I’m calling to ask [Senator or Representative Name] to oppose several bills in the House that attack DC.** Do you have a minute to talk about this?”
 - *Give them a chance to respond.*
- “Thanks so much. **How are you doing today?**”
 - *Give them a chance to respond.*
- “That’s great. Again, my name is [your name]. I’ve lived in [your town/city or state] for [#] years. And **I’m worried about what’s happening to the people of DC.**”
- **“DC communities do not want to be attacked by this president or his allies in Congress.”**
 - “The people I know in DC do not want Trump’s armed soldiers in their streets.”
 - “The people I know in DC do not want Trump’s masked agents kidnapping innocent people.”
 - “The people I know in DC do not want interference from people they did not elect. That includes all of Congress, including [Senator or Representative Name].”
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- “Thank you so much! I really appreciate your solidarity!”
- “Would it be okay if we thank the member publicly for their support?”

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