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Rep. Kind Votes to Give D.C. a Vote

United States Only Democracy in the World to Deprive Full Voting Representation to Capital City Residents

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind today voted to fix the 206-year-old injustice of “taxation without representation” for more than a half-million people living in our nation’s capital city. H.R. 1905, the D.C. Voting Rights Act, secures voting rights in the House for the District of Columbia, permanently expanding the U.S. House of Representatives from 435 to 437 seats. The two-seat increase will provide one vote to the District of Columbia and a new, at-large seat to Utah, which is the state next entitled to increase its congressional representation.

“We take pride as a nation for the freedoms extended to our citizens,” Rep. Kind said. “However, the United States is the only democracy in the world that deprives the residents of its capital full voting representation in the legislature. For more than 200 years, District of Columbia residents have fulfilled their responsibility as U.S. citizens, and it is right and just that they should also have a voice in the United States Congress.”

Residents of the District of Columbia serve in the military, pay billions of dollars in federal taxes each year, serve on juries, and assume other responsibilities of U.S. citizenship, yet they are denied full voting representation in the Congress. Essentially, residents of every state have a vote regarding the laws that govern the District, while those living in the District itself do not.

“Every U.S. citizen should have the opportunity to participate in our democracy,” Rep. Kind said. “This bill will correct this injustice and restore the full rights of the citizens of our nation’s capital,” Rep. Kind added.