



D.C. Statehood: Unconstitutional, Unworkable, and Unserious

D.C. Statehood is about Biden, Pelosi, and Schumer consolidating power and enacting radical policies.

- Several alternatives other than statehood exist for D.C. to obtain voting representation in Congress, but Democrats are interested in none of them.
- Democrats want D.C. statehood to gain two more Senate seats. This is about the power to push radical policies and more government intrusion into Americans' daily lives.
- Left-wing D.C. politicians have recently proposed modifying historical monuments, like the Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial. Providing statehood to the District ensures these destructive policies will continue to flourish.
- Two liberal senators from D.C. would allow Democrats to enact their Green New Deal, eliminate the filibuster, pack the court, and drastically increase the minimum wage.

H.R. 51 is unconstitutional. The admission of D.C. as a state requires a constitutional amendment.

- Absent a repeal of the 23rd Amendment, a constitutional amendment is required to make D.C. a state.
- Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy thought it was “inconceivable” D.C. could be granted statehood without repealing the 23rd Amendment, and the result would “produce[] an absurdity.”
- H.R. 51 would grant the occupants of the White House — the Presidential family — three electoral college votes, likely in violation of the 5th Amendment.
- The Founders specifically did not want the federal seat of government to be a tiny enclave in one state, which is what the H.R. 51 legislative scheme attempts.

D.C. is not fiscally viable and cannot balance their budget without annual help from Congress.

- Democrats have not considered the practical and financial implications of DC statehood, saying only they will solve this problem later, after statehood is granted.
- The last time D.C. had full responsibility of its budget the federal government had to step in to rescue the District from financial ruin.
- If D.C. became a state its federal Medicaid match could drop from 70% to 50%, creating a significant funding gap.
- The District receives billions of dollars from the federal government each year to, among other things, fund its entire judicial branch of government.
- DC has no prisons and has vigorously opposed prior efforts to build a federally-funded prison in the city, claiming the city is “too small.”
- DC would likely seek to raise revenues by imposing heavy tolls on its bridges and tax those who commute to DC for work — including Members of Congress — severely crippling the budgets of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.