



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

March 21, 2023

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500  
[president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)

RE: Protecting Local Democracy and Autonomy

Dear Mr. President,

At its regular meeting on March 8, 2023, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, the people of the District of Columbia have a fundamental right to self-governance and autonomy, and the principle of democratic representation is a cornerstone of American democracy,

WHEREAS, the recent announcement by President Joe Biden that he is willing to sign a bill passed by the U.S. Congress that will overturn the Revised Criminal Code Act, a law passed by the duly elected Council of the District of Columbia, is a deep affront to the principles of self-governance and local democracy,

WHEREAS, this action by the President undermines the will of the people of the District of Columbia, who voted overwhelmingly in favor of his election and expect him to respect the democratic process and their right to self-determination,

WHEREAS, every community in the District of Columbia is outraged by this action, which undermines the principles of democratic representation and local autonomy and sends a message that the voices and concerns of DC residents are not being heard or respected,

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B condemns the actions of the President in undermining the democratic mandate of the residents of the District of Columbia and calls upon him to take immediate action to push Congress to pass DC statehood, and not just signal support for the idea, and

WHEREAS, the President's actions have undermined the trust and confidence of DC residents in the democratic process and the principles of American democracy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B condemns the actions of President Joe Biden in signaling his willingness to sign an unjust bill passed by the U.S. Congress that would overturn the Revised Criminal Code Act, a law passed by the Council of the District of Columbia, and affirms the importance of respecting the principles of local autonomy and democratic representation in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B demands an apology from President Joe Biden for his actions, which have undermined the trust and confidence of DC residents in the democratic process and the principles of American democracy, and calls upon him to take immediate action to push Congress to pass DC statehood and respect the will of the people of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B calls upon all elected officials, including President Joe Biden and members of Congress, to respect the democratic mandate of the residents of the District of Columbia, and to refrain from interfering with the autonomy and self-determination of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges all residents of the District of Columbia to stand up for their democratic rights and principles and to demand full representation and enfranchisement for all DC residents, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender (including gender expression and identity), sexual orientation, age, national origin, citizenship, disability, pregnancy, veteran status, political affiliation, lawful union activity, marital status, caregiver status, or any other protected status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B affirms its commitment to the principles of democratic representation and self-determination and will continue to advocate for the rights and interests of all residents of the District of Columbia, including the right to full and equal representation in the political process.

Commissioners Matt Johnson ([2B06@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B06@anc.dc.gov)) and Meg Roggensack ([2B01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B01@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Roggensack", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Meg Roggensack  
Chair