



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

November 12, 2009

Hon. Eleanor Holmes Norton
N.W. District Office
National Press Building
529 14th Street, N.W., Suite 900
Washington, DC 20045

Dear Ms. Norton,

I serve as the Chairperson of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B). We were pleased that the House of Representatives passed a bill which would allow the District of Columbia to craft its own version of the Hatch Act. At its regular October 14, 2009 public meeting, ANC 2B approved the following resolution by a vote of 8 to 0, with 1 abstention:

Resolution in Support of D.C. Hatch Act Eliminating Restrictions on ANC Commissioner Political Activity

Whereas the Hatch Act, as currently interpreted, prevents ANC Commissioners from engaging in certain partisan political activity — such as fundraising for candidates in a partisan election, or standing as a candidate in a partisan election; and


Whereas limiting the political activity of ANC Commissioners, who are themselves elected officials and not government employees, is not rationally tied to any legitimate governmental interest and does not serve the purposes of the Hatch Act;

Therefore be it resolved that ANC 2B emphatically supports the establishment of a local D.C. Hatch Act which eliminates the restrictions on political activity for ANC Commissioners;

Be it further resolved that the Chairman send a letter in accordance with this resolution to the D.C. Council, Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, and any other appropriate officials.

Thank you for your continued efforts to secure the self-determination of the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Silverstein", is centered below the word "Sincerely,".

Mike Silverstein, Chairman

cc: Gottlieb Simon, Director, Office of ANCs
ANC Chairmen