

2 American Medical Student Association

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4 Resolution:

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8 **Subject:** Principles Regarding Campaign Finance, Elections, Political Action, and Activism

9 **Type:** Addition to Principles

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11 WHEREAS Washington, D.C. has a population of more than 700,000 residents who currently do not have
12 full representation in the United States government. Although they have a delegate in the House, they do
13 not have a voting member in Congress or representation in the Senate [1,2].

14 WHEREAS the population of Washington, D.C. is greater than the populations of both Wyoming and
15 Vermont. Alaska has a similar sized population of more than 730,000 residents. All three of these states
16 have a voting member of Congress as well as two senators [2].

17 WHEREAS Washington, D.C. is the only capital of a democracy with no voting representation in the
18 national legislature [3].

19 WHEREAS Washington, D.C. residents do not have a voice in Senate Committees or on the Senate Floor.
20 They also have no say in the determination of who should serve as leadership for federal agencies, U.S.
21 Ambassadors to foreign countries, on federal court benches, or in the U.S. Supreme Court [4].

22 WHEREAS Washington, D.C. residents pay more taxes than residents in 22 states and pay more federal
23 taxes per capita than any other state. This is an example of ‘taxation without representation’ [3,4].

24 WHEREAS 200,000 of Washington, D.C. residents have served in the United States Armed Forces and
25 30,000 veterans live in Washington, D.C. [3].

26 WHEREAS in the 2016 referendum, 86% of Washington, D.C. residents voted in favor of making D.C. the
27 51st state [4].

28 WHEREAS the lack of representation in Washington, D.C. is a disenfranchisement of Black Americans.
29 D.C. is historically a black city, with 47% of the population being Black. [4].

30 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding Campaign Finance, Elections,
31 Political Action, and Activism (pg. 150-151) be **AMENDED BY ADDITION** to state:

32 The American Medical Student Association

33 **1. SUPPORTS granting statehood to Washington, D.C.**

34 Fiscal Note: None

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