



## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **Senate Joint Resolution 6 – D.C. Statehood**

#### **Sponsor Statement**

In 2025, millions of American citizens are not fairly represented in Congress. Senate Joint Resolution 6 challenges this dynamic of taxation without representation for Washington, D.C. residents by putting the Alaska Legislature on record supporting statehood for the District of Columbia.

Statehood for Washington D.C. ensures that the hundreds of thousands of Americans living and working in our nation's capital are equally represented in the U.S. Senate and proportionally in the U.S. House of Representatives. Statehood for Washington D.C. ends the current practice of “taxation without representation,” by demanding D.C. residents pay more in taxes per capita compared to every state in the nation. The only fair remedy to this injustice is statehood for Washington, D.C.

SJR 6 calls on the President and Congress to enact legislation granting statehood to the people of Washington, D.C. SJR6 shrinks the size of the federal District of Columbia to encompass only federal lands and buildings, including the White House, the Capital Building, the Supreme Court, and the National Mall. This ensures that the federal government retains exclusive control over vital federal institutions. The proposed new state would be formed from the remaining residential areas, with an approximate population of around 700,000.

In addition to supporting statehood for Washington D.C., SJR 6 opposes federal overreach by Congress and the President into the local self-government of Washington D.C., including laws that limit the authority of the Council and Mayor of the District of Columbia.