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Washington DC has about an equal population to Alaska but pays the highest federal taxes per capita of any state, without the benefits of representation. At the same time teachers, police, and firefighters who are supported with local tax money are subject to the whims of Congress as we can see happening if the continuing resolution bill currently before Congress passes.

Why does this matter to Alaska which is thousands of miles away from Washington DC? While Alaskans do contribute to federal income tax, we have no state income tax and we rely heavily on money from the federal government. In other words, residents of high paying states and Washington DC, subsidize the Alaska budget. We have federal representation, yet DC residents do not. That is simply unjust.

It is beyond time to pass Washington DC statehood.