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HOUSE OF DELEGATES WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

January 28, 2021

The Honorable Joseph Manchin III
United States Senator
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Washington D.C., 20510

The Honorable Carol Miller
Congresswoman
465 Cannon House Office Building
Washington D.C., 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator
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Washington D.C., 20510

The Honorable Alex Mooney
Congressman
222 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C., 20510

The Honorable David McKinley
Congressman
2239 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C., 20510

Dear Senators and Congressmen,

We the members of the West Virginia Legislature urge you to reject calls by the Biden Administration and some Congressional Democrats to designate the District of Columbia as the 51st State of the Union, as introduced yesterday in the Congress.

If Washington, D.C. became a state, the representation of West Virginians in Congress would be further diminished by adding two additional Senators to the United States Senate and shifting the balance of power sharply for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the District of Columbia's three current non-voting Congressmen would have the authority to vote in the United States House of Representatives, minimizing the voices of West Virginia's three Congressional Representatives.

Furthermore, the constitutionality of D.C. statehood has been called into question for decades and has never been settled. The District of Columbia was set aside as a separate city where the federal government could operate independently. Serious constitutional issues could arise. Statehood would give the District of Columbia the unfair advantage of harboring the nation's federal government

Senator Manchin, as you are well aware, you will play a key role in determining if this issue and many other controversial issues become law. As representatives of constituents throughout West Virginia, it is our duty to address their concerns and make you aware as to where they stand.

We the members of the West Virginia Legislature, on behalf of our constituents, urge you to stand firmly against any and all efforts to admit the District of Columbia as the 51st State of the United States of America.



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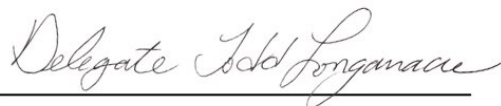
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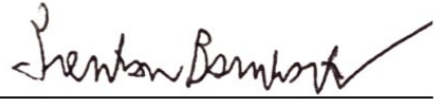
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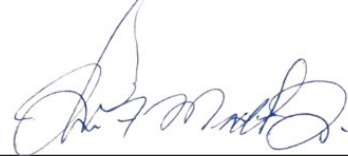
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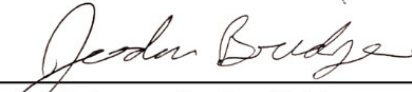
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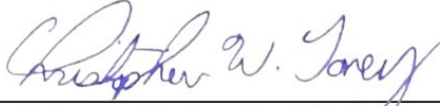
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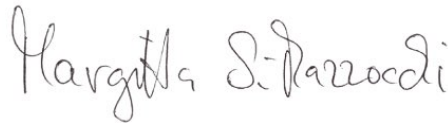
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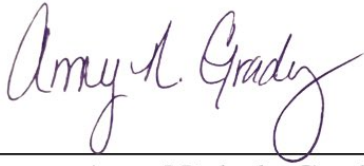
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