



Elections & Laws for Life

June 25, 2020

Dear Representative,

I write to advise you that Susan B. Anthony List, on behalf of our more than 837,000 members, strongly opposes and will score against H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act. Aside from the constitutionally suspect issue of turning the seat of the federal government of the United States into a state and removing it from federal jurisdiction, D.C. statehood would also lead to an increase in funding for abortion through Medicaid.

The Dornan Amendment, sometimes referred to as the District of Columbia (D.C.) Hyde Amendment, is a funding ban in the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill that ensures taxpayer money cannot finance abortions in the District of Columbia. In 2009, Democrats succeeded in temporarily repealing the amendment, which was quickly restored in 2011. During that time, taxpayers tragically paid for no less than 300 abortions in the district. D.C. statehood would remove the ability for the federal government to limit such funding.

Additionally, the admission of Washington, D.C. as a state is an attempt to add two Democratic senators to the Senate where they would stand in the way of pro-life legislation designed to defend our most basic rights, the first of which is life. Furthermore, two senators from the newly formed state would vote in lockstep against originalist judicial nominations or any nominees who would not conform fully to *Roe v. Wade* jurisprudence.

At a time when the most basic protections for life are under extreme pressure from pro-abortion legislators, the pro-life movement cannot afford to stack the deck against life.

Susan B. Anthony List strongly opposes H.R. 51, and votes on this bill will be reflected on members' profiles on our legislative scorecard.

Sincerely,

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