

Dear Maryland General Assembly,

My name is Kelsye Adams, and I proudly call the District of Columbia my home. Today, I write to express my wholehearted support for the resolution on DC Statehood currently under consideration by the Maryland Legislature.

Understanding the pivotal role you play in shaping the future of Maryland, I am grateful for the chance to share my perspective on this crucial matter.

The District of Columbia is not just a political entity; it is a vibrant and culturally rich community with a distinctive history. Its cultural tapestry, encompassing various traditions, languages, and art forms, stands as a testament to its diversity and resilience.

At the core of our cultural identity is the pulsating rhythm of GoGo music, born and bred in the heart of DC. More than a genre, GoGo is a living expression of our city's spirit, embodying creativity, energy, and unity.

In endorsing the resolution on DC Statehood, I implore you to recognize the preservation of DC's cultural heritage as fundamental to this cause. During Women's History Month, it is poignant to note that the current Mayor of Washington, D. C. is the first three term black female mayor in the country, underscoring the city's central role in shaping national history.

My journey in bridging arts, culture, and politics has been integral to understanding and addressing the needs of marginalized communities. Behind the scenes and on the front lines, I am dedicated to preserving DC and advocating for Statehood. The lack of Statehood profoundly impacts our city's budget and legislative decision-making, emphasizing the urgency to uplift DC's youth as we confront national challenges.

Granting Statehood to the District is a stride toward acknowledging full citizenship and representation rights for over 700,000 residents. It echoes a call for equity, justice, and democratic principles beyond our borders.

As Marylanders, your support for DC Statehood makes a powerful statement for equal representation and the preservation of cultural diversity. Your commitment to creating a true democracy resonates on a national scale. By passing this resolution, you contribute to the broader conversation on democracy, fairness, and the rights of all Americans.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I trust you will make a thoughtful decision in favor of the resolution on DC Statehood.

Onwards towards DC Statehood!

Sincerely,  
Kelsye Adams