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**WHAT:** Rally to object to Congress interfering in DC's local autonomy and to demand DC Statehood.

**WHO:**

*Featured speakers:*

Makia Green (Harriet's Wildest Dreams)

Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton (US House of Representatives)

Rev. Wendy Hamilton (ANC 8D06 and Board of Directors, DC Vote)

Jamila White, (ANC 8A05)

Monica Hopkins (Executive Director, ACLU of DC)

Patrice Sulton (Executive Director, DC Justice Lab)

Councilmember Charles Allen (Ward 6 DC)

Councilmember Robert White (At Large DC)

Councilmember Janeese Lewis George (Ward 4 DC)

Nee Nee Taylor (Harriet's Wildest Dreams)

**WHEN:** Mar 8, 2023

11:00am — Rally with speakers

12:00pm — March to 1st & Constitution

12:40pm — Rally outside Congress

**WHERE:** Columbus Circle (outside Union Station), at the border of the future Douglass Commonwealth

**WHY:** Congress is set to overturn DC law for the first time in over 30 years. Our Democrat president, who claims to support statehood, refuses to push back.

This is a violation of DC communities. If Congress overrode local government like this anywhere else in the country, residents would be outraged. It is an act of disregard for our local autonomy, and sets a dangerous precedent for future interference.

We refuse to allow this to happen in silence. On Wednesday, March 8 — the week when the Senate is expected to vote — join us to demand #HandsOffDC.

**\*\*NO FORMAL Q&A. FOR INTERVIEW REQUESTS WITH ANY OF THE SPEAKERS OR PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS PLEASE CONTACT Vasuki Wilson, [vasuki@risepublic.com](mailto:vasuki@risepublic.com), 202.294.2342**