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(WASHINGTON, DC) – Ward 6, “2022 former D.C. mayoral candidate Dr. Rhonda L. Hamilton today issued an open letter to President Donald J. Trump and members of Congress regarding the ongoing discussions surrounding the District of Columbia’s Home Rule Act. Dr. Hamilton expresses deep concern over any intentions to revoke this vital legislation, which grants D.C. residents a measure of self-governance and the ability to make decisions that directly affect their lives.

The Home Rule Act, enacted in 1973, allows D.C. citizens to elect their local government and manage their own affairs. Repealing or undermining this act would not only strip away these hard-won rights but also impose a form of representation that could further disenfranchise the nearly 700,000 residents of the District of Columbia.

"Our letter is a call to action for our leaders to prioritize the voices of D.C. citizens and to recognize their right to self-governance," said Dr. Hamilton, an intended 2026 DC independent mayoral candidate.

"Revoking the Home Rule Act would be a significant step backward for democracy and equity. We urge lawmakers to respect the will of the people and engage in constructive dialogue rather than imposing top-down solutions that disregard local needs."

In the letter, Dr. Hamilton outlines the potential negative impacts of revoking the Home Rule Act, including decreased accountability in local governance and weakened community engagement. Dr. Hamilton emphasizes the importance of empowering D.C. residents to shape their future through local decision-making processes.

Dr. Hamilton encourages citizens, advocates, and stakeholders to join the conversation and support democracy in the nation’s capital. “We must hold our leaders accountable and ensure that every voice is heard, especially those from communities that have historically been marginalized,” added Dr. Hamilton.

For more information, to read the full letter, or to get involved, please visit:

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