



March 26, 2025

Re: Dr. Rhonda L. Hamilton's Urgent Request for a Ceasefire to Protect Washington, D.C.'s
Autonomy and Sovereignty.

Dear Mr. President,

On February 19, 2025 I wrote to you concerning the wellness of our nation and your assessment of my city, Washington, D.C. I remain interested in meeting with you to further discuss an immediate ceasefire regarding your communications of federally taking over Washington, D.C. The B.O.W.S.E.R. Act which your colleagues Senator Lee of Utah, and Representative Ogles of Tennessee, have presented seems to be an inappropriate and counterproductive measure which risks alienating my constituents and creating further, unnecessary division within our nation's seat of governance.

I am writing to urge you to advocate for an immediate ceasefire concerning the ongoing threats to Washington, D.C.'s autonomy and sovereignty as a city. Just as we prioritize the cessation of hostilities in regions like Russia and Ukraine to preserve human life and dignity, it is equally vital that we recognize and respect the unique status of our nation's capital, and its Home Rule Act.

I listened on March 4th as you addressed the joint session of Congress, as well as the nation. You spoke of "rediscovering the unstoppable power of the American citizen". You further remarked about the "righteous cause of American liberty" and about us being a country of "doers, dreamers, fighters, and survivors". You stated that it was time to end the war between Russia and Ukraine, which I agree with. I also agree that it is time to end the war between your administration, republican colleagues and the "doers, dreamers, fighters, and survivors" of Washington, D.C.

As the proud daughter of a deceased Army veteran, I rejoiced upon hearing your reference of the American pioneers, workers, and warriors whose shoulders that we all stand on, and that shed their blood for our rights and for our freedom. The 700,000 citizens of Washington, D.C., in your words, intend to "fight, fight, fight" for our city and for the city that we deserve, and to continue to denounce the interference in our governing affairs, as well as the continued threat of being taken over.

The persistent challenges to D.C.'s governance and self-determination undermine the principles of democracy and equity that our country stands for. By taking decisive action to halt these encroachments, we can foster an environment where every citizens' voice is valued, ensuring that the heart of our democracy remains resilient and empowered. Your leadership on this matter is crucial for safeguarding the rights of D.C. residents and upholding the foundational values of our democratic society. I appreciate your immediate attention to this pressing issue which remains an unhealthy imposition.

In Solidarity,
Dr. Rhonda L. Hamilton