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**(WASHINGTON, DC) – Ward 6, NE DC - 2022 former D.C. mayoral candidate Dr. Rhonda L. Hamilton today issued another open letter to President Donald J. Trump requesting a “ceasefire” on Washington D.C.’s sovereignty and home rule; In light of ongoing challenges related to sovereignty and home rule in the District of Columbia, we, the citizens of D.C. call for an immediate ceasefire on actions that undermine the rights and self-determination of Washington D.C. residents. It is time for D.C.’s elected officials to acknowledge and address the urgent need for local governance that reflects the true will of its citizens. Where is the “call to action” from Mayor Muriel Bowser, or Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton to help mobilize the collective voices and actions of D.C.’s 700,000 citizens? Why have these officials chosen to “take a knee” instead of “rising up” to Defend DC with the dignity deserving of our 700,000 proud citizens of the Nation’s Capital?**

For far too long, D.C. residents have faced legislative overreach and political decisions made without their direct input or consent. This practice not only disrespects the autonomy of our city but also perpetuates a cycle of disenfranchisement among those we serve. It is imperative that we fiercely protect the fundamental rights of self-governance in our nation’s capital.

Dr. Hamilton suggests that “we must address the shameful leadership exhibited by our current elected officials. Their failure to advocate effectively for D.C. residents has led to stagnation and frustration within our community. We deserve leaders who prioritize the needs of their constituents over partisan agendas and who are willing to fight for our sovereignty and rights as citizens.”

Let us stand united in our demand for an accountable and transparent government that respects the voices of Washington D.C. residents especially at a time such as this. Together, we can foster an environment where our city thrives, free from political manipulation and neglect.

While many congressional leaders are hosting town halls across the nation, Washington D.C.’s mayoral and congressional representatives sit questionably, “hoping” that the threat to our autonomy will disappear, as DC citizens remain vulnerable to ongoing political attacks and imposed trauma.

Amidst D.C. citizens’ request to meet with Congresswoman Norton about concerns for the B.O.W.S.E.R. Act legislation’s status and strategies for combating an unwarranted republican takeover

of DC's local governance, the congresswoman's office has responded with the following statements, "The bill has received very little support to move forward. At this time, we do not think it is prudent to give this bill heightened attention" ...

Every day citizens of the District of Columbia remain uneducated, unaware, and frustrated with the ongoing state of affairs, and have expressed an interest to meet with their congressional representatives. As DC citizens we would appreciate the formal acknowledgment of ongoing and growing concerns regarding the daily threat to D.C.'s autonomy.

Support the ongoing efforts to get Washington, D.C.'s elected officials off their "knees" and standing upright to firmly join with their fellow citizens to call for a "ceasefire" of the continued republican threats to take over D.C., and rename it the "District of America".

Join the calls for an April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting with DC's elected congressional leaders by registering here today: <https://defenddc.eventbrite.com>

Click here for further information on Dr. Hamilton's movement to #DefendDC:  
<https://rhondahamilton4dc.com/defend-dc/>.