The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman,
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

The Senate last year passed S. 1976, of which you were a sponsor, to restore to Washington residents a voice in their local government.

As you recall, the bill creates a 15-man elected city council, an elected school board and provides for the appointment by the President of a Mayor. It also creates the office of nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives, to be elected by the unrepresented citizens of the District. The local government is granted only local powers, and Congress, of course, retains the right to pass overriding legislation, and to change or abolish the local government.

It is my hope that substantially the same bill, with technical corrections involving new dates, etc., can again have the broad, bipartisan sponsorship it enjoyed in the 82nd Congress.

If it is convenient for you to do so and you desire to be a sponsor again, I would greatly appreciate your advising the clerk of the Senate District Committee, Mr. Albrook. If you wish to have a copy of the bill, the report, or further information on it, Mr. Albrook will supply it to you on request.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Francis Case
Chairman