June 27, 2000

The Honorable Anthony Williams  
Mayor, District of Columbia  
One Judiciary Square  
441 Fourth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
Delegate, District of Columbia  
Capitol Hill Office  
US House of Representatives  
1424 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairperson  
Council of the District of Columbia  
One Judiciary Square, Ste 716  
441 Fourth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Public Statement on Taxation Without Representation Motto

Dear Mayor Williams, Congresswoman Norton and Chairwoman Cropp:

This letter is prompted by District of Columbia officials' consideration of a policy that would allow D.C. residents to display the "Taxation Without Representation" motto on their license tags. As we understand it, this policy is intended to educate and inform the public that District of Columbia residents have been deprived of voting representation in the United States Congress even though they pay substantial federal taxes each year. The District of Columbia Affairs Section wholeheartedly supports every lawful means of getting this important message out to the American people.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Hardwick, Co-Chair  
Angela T. Harvey, Co-Chair

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