

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING COG'S SUPPORT FOR VOTING REPRESENTATION  
IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R16-07 affirming its support of voting representation in the United States House of Representatives for the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, identical legislation, S. 160, has been reintroduced by the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, S. 160 has been amended to include a provision which would remove the District of Columbia's government the right to regulate firearms within the city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of this significant legislation is now in jeopardy as a result of the firearms amendment unrelated to the intent of S. 160, which is to remedy a long-standing injustice affecting District of Columbia residents denying them equal representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. COG reaffirms its strong support for legislation establishing voting representation in the U.S. House of Representatives for the District of Columbia.
2. COG urges the National Capital Region Congressional Delegation, and all members of Congress, to reject the firearms amendments or other unrelated amendments and pass S. 160 in its original form and intent.

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