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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

<u>H.J. Res. 24 – Disapproving the Action of the District of Columbia Council in Approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022</u>

(Rep. Comer, R-KY, and 14 cosponsors)

<u>H.J. Res. 26 – Disapproving the Action of the District of Columbia Council in Approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022</u>

(Rep. Clyde, R-GA, and 19 cosponsors)

The Administration opposes H.J. Res. 24, Disapproving the Action of the District of Columbia Council in Approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022 and H.J. Res. 26, Disapproving the Action of the District of Columbia Council in Approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022. For far too long, the more than 700,000 residents of Washington, D.C. have been deprived of full representation in the U.S. Congress. This taxation without representation and denial of self-governance is an affront to the democratic values on which our Nation was founded. H.J. Res. 24 and H.J. Res. 26 are both clear examples of how the District of Columbia continues to be denied true self-governance and why it deserves statehood. While we work towards making Washington, D.C. the 51st state of our Union, Congress should respect the District of Columbia's autonomy to govern its own local affairs.

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