

DC Short-Changed on Coronavirus Relief

The District of Columbia routinely experiences unfair treatment at the hands of Congress, but that phenomenon was on vivid display last month in the coronavirus response bill. When Congress apportions federal aid, it typically treats DC as a state. This time, for reasons not explained, it treated DC as a territory. The result was an estimated \$750 million shortfall in critical funding to the District of Columbia.

DC is not a territory. DC residents pay all federal taxes – in fact, we pay more on a per capita basis than residents of any other state or territory. And, the need to address this health pandemic in the nation's capital is high. DC has experienced more COVID-19 cases and deaths than many states which received full relief funding.

Congresswoman Norton, Mayor Bowser, and other Congressional and city leaders are working now to assure DC receives its fair share of assistance in the next COVID-19 stimulus bill.

<https://norton.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/norton-to-fight-to-retroactively-fix-dc-treatment-in-next-coronavirus>