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Vote NO on 83 Response to Congressional Interference
Stay Out of The District's Affairs

Ranked Choice Voting and semi-open primaries would come to DC if Initiative 83 makes it to the ballot and is approved by the voters. The text of the initiative states that it is subject to appropriation of funds by the Council.

Congressman Mike Lawler (R-NY) introduced an amendment to the H.R. 8773, Financial Services and General Government Act, 2025. This bill includes the District's appropriation bill. The text of the bill states:

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act, including titles IV and VIII, may be used by the District of Columbia to carry out any election for public office or any ballot initiative or referendum using a system of ranked choice voting under which each voter shall rank the candidates for the office in the order of the voter's preference.

Although Vote NO on Initiative 83 is in opposition to I83, it does not condone or approve of Congressional Interference in how the district uses its funds.

"Part of the reason we are in opposition to I83 is that it violates the District's Home Rule Act that prohibits ballot initiatives that appropriate funds. However, we firmly believe that Congress should stay out of the District's business. We will defeat I83 on our own.", said Deirdre Brown, Chair of Vote NO on Initiative 83.

A text of the amendment can be viewed here: <https://rules.house.gov/bill/118/hr-8773>

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