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Councilmember Alexander Arrested While Protesting for D.C. Budget Autonomy

On Monday, April 11, Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander, along with Mayor Gray, Chairman Brown and Councilmembers, Biddle, Bowser, Wells and Shadow Representative Mike Panetta took a joint stand against Congress' decision to include riders in the federal budget deal which impede on the District of Columbia's right to spend its own money.

"Yesterday, I took a stand for the District of Columbia," said Councilmember Alexander. "It is time that Congress understands we are capable of making our own decisions. This fight will continue until we have full self-determination."

Under the new budget deal, Congress is controlling how the District spends some of its local tax dollars.

Forty-one people, comprised of elected officials, social activists and residents of the District of Columbia, were arrested after an act of civil disobedience in front of the Hart Building on Constitution Avenue. Their request is that the District of Columbia receives full budget autonomy and that all 610,000 residents are rightfully represented with a vote in Congress.





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