



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

July 9, 2013

Dear Colleague,

This year, with your help, we have dedicated statues of civil rights greats Rosa Parks and Frederick Douglass. Their courage in the face of injustice inspired generations of Americans, including the more than 250,000 people who gathered at the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963 for the March on Washington.

Widely considered to be the pinnacle of the civil rights movement, the March demonstrated how broad the movement for equality had become and symbolized what would become a sea change in our society's attitudes and our nation's laws. Millions of Americans watching at home were introduced to a then-23-year-old John Lewis of Georgia and the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., who spoke of a "dream rooted deeply in the American Dream." The following year, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act with an overwhelming bipartisan margin.

In that same unifying spirit, we will soon gather to observe the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, and we invite you to join us:

**Ceremony observing the Fiftieth Anniversary
of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom
Wednesday, July 31, 2013
3:00 p.m.
Statuary Hall
United States Capitol**

This event is for Members of Congress and invited guests only. All invited guests will require a ticket for entry. We ask all Members to please respond to your respective Chambers to ensure reserved seating. House Members may respond to BoehnerRSVP@mail.house.gov; Senate Members may respond to (202) 224-2341.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Seton Easby-Smith, Office of the Speaker, at (202) 225-0600 or Becky Daugherty, Senate Sergeant at Arms, (202) 224-2341.

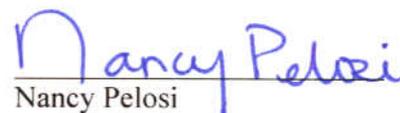
We sincerely hope you are able to attend as we reflect on the legacy of that landmark moment and renew our shared commitment to the pursuit of a more perfect union.

Sincerely,


Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate


Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
U.S. Senate


John A. Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives


Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives