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The Honorable [First name] [Last name]

US House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative [Last name],

My name is [X], and I reside in your district. I'm writing to urge you to support HR 1073: To Direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to Obtain a Statue of Shirley Chisholm for Placement in the U.S. Capitol and HR 1088: Shirley Chisholm Gold Medal Act in recognition of Women's History Month and Honor of former U.S. Representative Shirley Chisholm.

In 1972, she was the first African American female candidate to make a serious bid for the Office of President of the United States of America, we feel that this honor should be given for the following reasons:

- Congresswoman Chisholm was the first African American woman to be elected to the United States Congress in 1968 and she was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus.
- She was the Co-Founder of the National Organization for Women.
- In 1977, she made history again when she became the first African American woman and 2<sup>nd</sup> woman ever to serve on the powerful House Rules Committee which set the conditions for debating legislative bills in the House of Representatives.
- Congresswoman Chisholm was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015 posthumously by President Barack Obama.

I hope you will consider voting for HR 1073 and HR 1088. Please contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

[Your name] [Your title] [Your email] [Your phone number]