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The sun rises over the U.S. Capitol. (Ricky Carioti/*The Washington Post*)

## **The unequal representation in the Senate**

The Dec. 1 article [[“The hidden biases at play in the U.S. Senate”](#)] on hidden biases in the Senate said, in describing the expansion of voting in America, that today “the franchise [is] open to adult citizens, regardless of race or landowning status.” Not true; if you own land in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the territories, you are automatically disenfranchised and have no representation in the U.S. Senate by virtue of your residency or “landowner status.” That fact should never be overlooked.

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