

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 2, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

As Members of the Congress, we respectfully urge you to schedule the swearing in of Representative-elect Adelita Grijalva during the next pro forma session in the House of Representatives on Friday, October 3, 2025, at 3:30 P.M. Eastern Time.

As you know, Representative-elect Grijalva won the special election for Arizona's 7th congressional district in a landslide, by roughly 40 points.¹ Historically, in such decisive special elections, Representatives-elect are sworn in as soon as possible. This April, two Representatives-elect from Florida were sworn in during pro forma sessions just 24 hours after they were elected. Representative James Walkinshaw (D-VA) was also sworn in less than 24 hours after he won his special election.

Per your office's confirmation, the House has already received the appropriate paperwork necessary from the state of Arizona.² Despite this and the established precedent, Representative-elect Grijalva's ceremony is still not set. Representative-elect Grijalva's swearing-in ceremony should not be treated differently.

Multiple Congressional leaders^{3,4}, including the Congressional Hispanic Caucus⁵, previously called for Representative-elect Grijalva to be sworn in during Tuesday's pro forma session, yet

1 NBC News. "Arizona House Results." *NBC News*, <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2025-special-elections/arizona-house-results>.

2 Solender, Andrew, and Kate Santaliz. "Democrats Turn Up Heat on Johnson over Epstein Files Vote Delay." *Axios*, 29 Sept. 2025, <https://www.axios.com/2025/09/29/mike-johnson-epstein-files-grijalva-clark>.

3 "Whip Clark Demands Speaker Johnson Act to Avoid Shutdown; Swear in Rep.-Elect Grijalva." *Office of the Democratic Whip*, <https://democraticwhip.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/whip-clark-demands-speaker-johnson-act-to-avoid-shutdown-swear-in-rep-elect-grijalva>.

4 "Democratic Women's Caucus Chair Demands Speaker Johnson Swear Rep.-Elect Adelita." *Democratic Women's Caucus*, <https://democraticwomenscaucus.house.gov/media/press-releases/democratic-womens-caucus-chair-demands-speaker-johnson-swear-rep-elect-adelita>.

5 Soellner, Mica. "House GOP Under Pressure to Swear in New Democrat Despite Recess." *Bloomberg Government News*, 29 Sept. 2025, <https://news.bgov.com/bloomberg-government-news/house-gop-under-pressure-to-swear-in-new-democrat-despite-recess>.

these calls were ignored. Continuing to delay Representative-elect Grijalva's ceremony has left her constituents without representation during the government shutdown.

Just like her many colleagues before her, Representative-elect Grijalva deserves to be sworn in as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Adriano Espaillat
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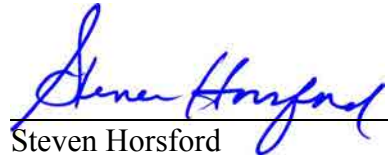
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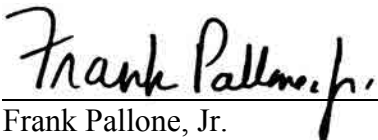
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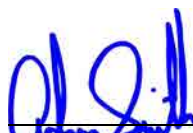
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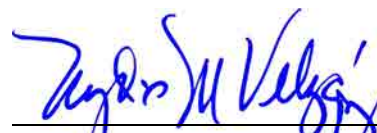
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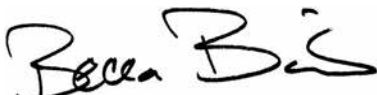
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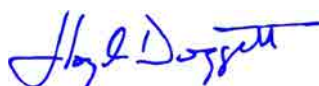
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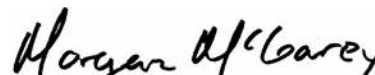
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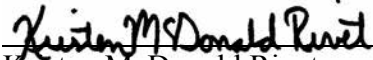
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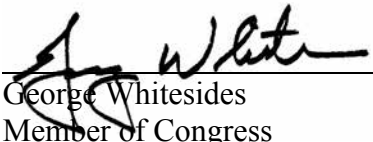
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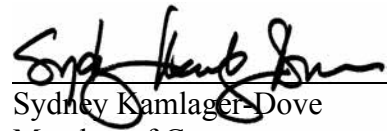
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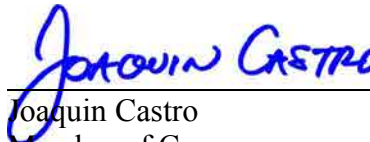
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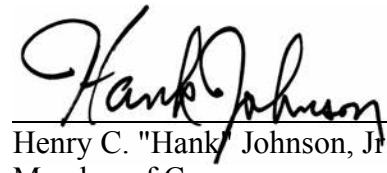
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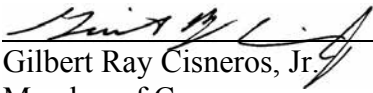
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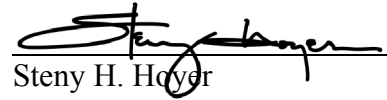
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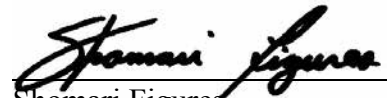
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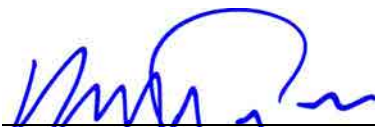
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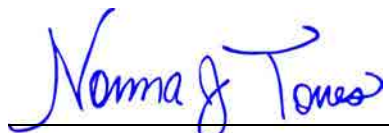
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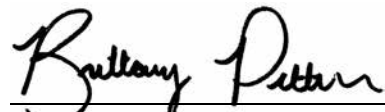
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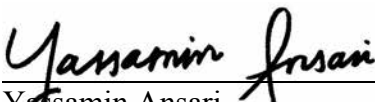
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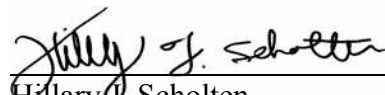
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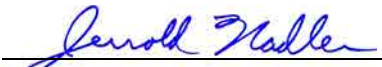
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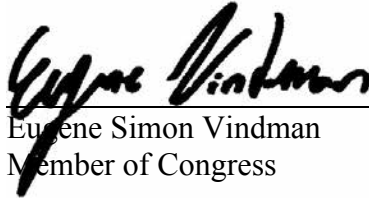
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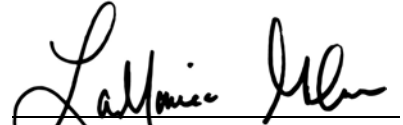
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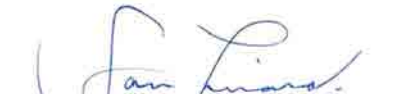
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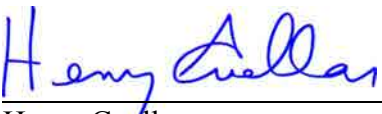
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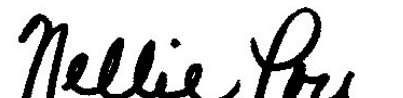
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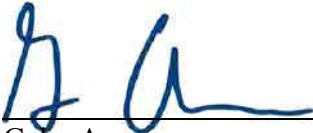
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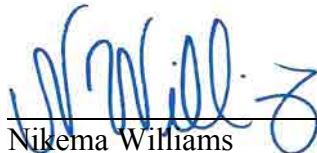
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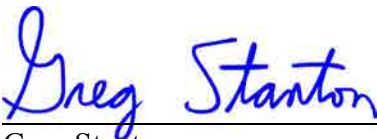
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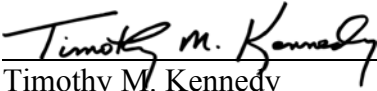
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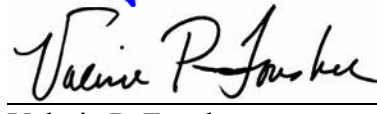
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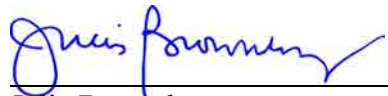
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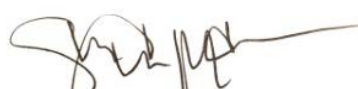
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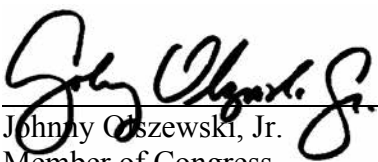
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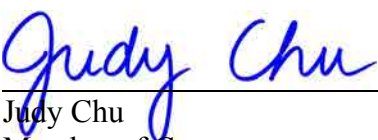
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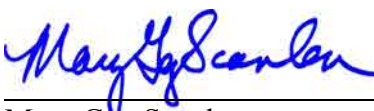
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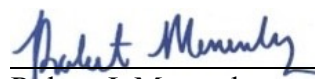
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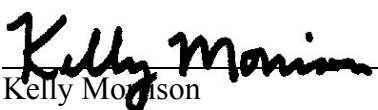
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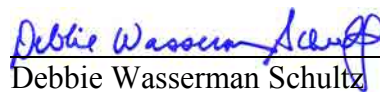
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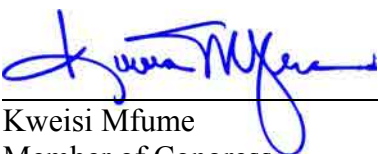
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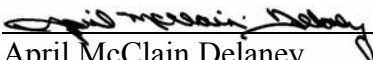
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