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CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS

119th Congress

November 11, 2025

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

Dear Speaker Johnson:

In early October, 180 Members of Congress sent a letter to your office urging you to schedule the swearing-in of Representative-elect Adelita Grijalva (AZ-07).

It has now been nearly two months since her overwhelming victory in the special election on September 23, 2025. This is taxation without representation, and it is just not right.

With reports that the House may resume this week, I write to insist: the very first order of business must be administering the oath of office to Representative-elect Grijalva. There is no precedent for withholding the oath from a duly elected Member under the circumstances at hand. The State of Arizona has submitted all required certifications.

As I have repeated time and time again, delaying her seating denies nearly one million Arizonans in AZ-07 meaningful representation, constituent services, and a voice in the House. This denial of representation is an abuse of procedural power, and it comes at a time when the government shutdown is amplifying pressures on families and communities.

To resolve this without further delay, I urge you to act immediately and seat Representative-elect Grijalva as the House reconvenes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adriano Espaillat".

Adriano Espaillat
Member of Congress
Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus