

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleagues,

We, the undersigned members of the Republican Governance Group, write to you today to express our support for Kevin McCarthy as the next Speaker of the House.

Just a few weeks ago, we came together to elect our party leaders, all of whom were chosen overwhelmingly and received support from all corners of our Conference. Today we urge you to unite behind Kevin and our other chosen leaders and allow our Conference to move forward united so that we may begin to deliver results for our constituencies.

The American people handed us the gavel, but they did so skeptically. If we do not immediately put the posturing aside and focus on responsible governance, we will have failed to fulfill the great responsibility they have bestowed upon us before the 118th Congress begins.

Many of us - if not all - have newfound power in the slim majority we now find ourselves in. But governing is fundamentally a team sport. It comes down to a simple choice: do you want to make a point or a difference? If your answer is the latter, then Kevin McCarthy deserves your full support.

We have many challenges to tackle as a team on behalf of the American people in these next two years. Our Democratic colleagues would only be too happy if we contributed to their efforts to derail our agenda with self-inflicted snags, like not rallying around our already elected leadership. Such quarrels will only delay our ability to establish a working majority in the People's House, which is critically important to successfully countering a Democrat-controlled Senate and Executive Branch. Any delay in permitting our elected leaders to lead will distract from and thwart our efforts to:

1. set a fiscally responsible spending agenda and economic policy that reins in inflation and creates positive conditions for American businesses and workers;
2. take desperately needed legislative action to secure our southern border and stop the flow of fentanyl into our country;
3. regain our nation's energy independence and provide relief from record-high gas prices; and
4. hold Biden Administration officials accountable for mismanagement and severely harmful regulatory action.

We understand and applaud the desire to ensure rank-and-file members can provide real input on key legislation and we believe this can be done without further dividing our Conference. Yesterday, was a positive step where we adopted several Conference rules changes to ensure all viewpoints are represented.

The Grand Old Party has always had a big tent. This year's midterm election proved just how large it truly is. Members of our Conference won in districts ranging from D+14.5 to R+61.8.

Going into what promises to be a contentious 2024 presidential election year, we must protect these seats to maintain and grow our majority.

Let's work together with all those in our Conference to advance our common goals. Otherwise, we will allow the media and our colleagues on the left side of the aisle to distort the uncomplicated truth: Republicans have the policy solutions to address the challenges Americans are struggling with in their everyday lives.

Members of the Republican Governance Group look forward to working with everyone in our big tent to carve out a viable path forward for effective lawmaking – a path that our constituents deserve, and Congress desperately needs. We invite any and all Members of our Conference to join us in doing so, starting with uniting behind Kevin.

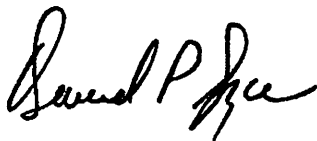
Threats to this unification pale in comparison to the power of our caucus in a divided government. As the majority makers of the 118th Congress, we can and will carve out that viable path forward for effective lawmaking. We hope to do so with as many of our Republican colleagues as possible. But make no mistake, we will not allow this Conference to be dragged down a path to a paralyzed House that weakens our hard-fought majority.

The time for easy rhetoric is over. The time to govern is here. A House divided against itself cannot stand; for the sake of the American people, we must stand.


We invite you to help us create a uniting force within our Conference, one that prevents our new majority from becoming another notch on Washington's long list of broken promises and instead allows us to serve the best interest of the hardworking Americans who sent us here.

We urge you to join us in supporting the party leaders we elected overwhelmingly so that we can advance our collective conservative principles next Congress.

Sincerely,



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