



September 30, 2025

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

Dear Speaker Johnson,

As the Chair of the Democratic Women's Caucus, I urge you to swear in Representative-elect Adelita Grijalva during today's pro forma session. It is common practice in the House of Representatives that Representatives-elect are sworn in immediately following their decisive election, with some being sworn in as little as 24 hours after they have won. This instance should be no different.

We look forward to welcoming Representative-elect Grijalva as the 97th Member of the Democratic Women's Caucus. With women and girls under constant threat by this administration, every woman's voice is necessary in this fight. Moreover, delaying her swearing in appears to be a clear tactic to put off the release of the Epstein files. This Congress should stand with survivors, not predators.

At this critical time, the people of Arizona's 7th Congressional District deserve to be represented in Congress just like every other American. On behalf of the Democratic Women's Caucus, I urge that you swear in Representative-elect Grijalva immediately.

Sincerely,

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Teresa Leger Fernández

Chair

Democratic Women's Caucus