

October 6, 2025

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

Dear Speaker Johnson,

I write to express my strong opposition to the continued delay and lack of clarity around my swearing-in as the duly elected Representative of Arizona's 7th Congressional District. The delay in swearing me in is robbing the people of Southern Arizona of essential constituent services. I am unable to hire staff, open district offices, or respond to constituent concerns. This comes at an especially critical time during a government shutdown. Right now, the people of this District need a Member of Congress to provide guidance and stand up for impacted workers.

This moment is deeply meaningful to my family and to the voters who overwhelmingly entrusted me with this responsibility, with almost 69 percent of the vote. As the daughter of Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva, who served Arizona's 7th District for more than two decades, taking the oath represents a continuation of service rooted in our community. The delay in my swearing-in has created a burden for constituents who have been left with no representation or support since March. My family needs a confirmed date to arrange travel and be present for this once-in-a-lifetime historic occasion.

There is clear House precedent for swift action, established under your leadership. On April 2, 2025, during a pro forma session, you swore in Representatives Jimmy Patronis (FL-01) and Randy Fine (FL-06) less than twenty-four hours after their special election victories. Southern Arizona deserves the same prompt and equitable treatment. The same standard should be applied regardless of party, as my constituents are no less entitled to full representation.

I urge you to provide me with a clear swearing-in date without further delay. The people of Arizona's 7th District should not have to wait any longer to have a voice in their House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adelita S. Grijalva". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adelita" being more prominent and larger than the last name "Grijalva".

Adelita S. Grijalva
Representative-Elect
Arizona's 7th Congressional District