

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Eric Cantor
Majority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader Elect
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Cantor and Majority Leader Elect McCarthy:

As you know, the House plans to begin its annual August work period at the end of next week. While this work period provides Members the important opportunity to work in their districts and spend time with constituents, there is critical work to be done in Washington in the coming weeks. For that reason, we believe that the House should remain in session to continue this vital work.

To be sure, we are pleased that the House has completed seven of the twelve appropriations bills thus far. This is significant progress from years past. We should continue to press forward to finish the remaining five bills and show the American people we are capable of fulfilling our constitutional duty, even if the Senate is not.

In addition, the House should not adjourn without addressing the humanitarian crisis at the border and the systemic failures at the Department of Veterans Affairs that have prevented veterans from accessing the services they deserve and rightfully expect.

Respectfully, we need more than the seventeen remaining days that the House is scheduled to be in session to complete all of the work our constituents sent us here to do. As such, we request the House remain in session throughout the months of August and September.

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,



Keith Rothfus
Member of Congress



Andy Barr
Member of Congress



Scott Rigell
Member of Congress