

# Congress of the United States

**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4309**

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

**Re: Request for a Congressional briefing on President Trump's Constitutional Authority to Take Military Action in Venezuela**

Mr. Speaker,

I write you today to urgently request a classified congressional briefing on the United States' bombing of Venezuela and capture of its president. The authority to take this unprecedented unilateral aggression must be explained. Are we a country of laws or a country where one man has become the law?

Mr. Speaker, if we allow the ends to justify unconstitutional means, our Constitution will become meaningless.

In addition to my question about constitutional authority and general information on the execution of this operation, I request answers to the following questions:

- How was Congress notified prior to this bombing and capture?
- How does the administration plan to run this independent nation?
- Is the President serious about putting boots on the ground in Venezuela?

Mr. Speaker, I urge that this briefing be held as early as possible in January. Should you require additional information, please contact my Chief of Staff, Aaron Lifesty, by email at [Aaron.Lifesty@mail.house.gov](mailto:Aaron.Lifesty@mail.house.gov) or phone at (202) 225-7508.

Sincerely,



Al Green  
Member of Congress

*Scion of the Enslaved Africans –  
Sacrificed to Make America Great  
Progenitor of August and August 20th  
as Slavery Remembrance Month and Day*

CC: Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries