

# 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: Immediate Swearing in of the Winner of the Texas 18th Congressional Special Election**

Dear Speaker Johnson,

I am writing to strongly urge the immediate seating of the winner of the Special Congressional Election for the 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Texas. The people of the 18th Congressional District have been without representation in Congress since March 5, 2025, over 300 days, due to an intentional delay of the special election by Governor Greg Abbott.

An unjust delay mirroring the seven weeks it took to swear in Representative Adelita Grijalva (D-AZ07) would be a furtherance of the already unacceptable injustice the people of the current Texas 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District have suffered. Even in the event of a government shutdown, it is your responsibility as Speaker of the House to ensure an egregious injustice is not perpetrated. Members can be sworn in when the House is not in normal session, as happened with the Republican Representatives Randy Fine (R-FL06) and Jimmy Patronis (R-FL01) when they were seated during a pro-forma session earlier this Congress. Should you decide to delay another Democrat's swearing in, accusations of partisan mistreatment would be undeniable.

Should you require additional information, please contact me by phone or my Chief of Staff, Aaron Lifesty, by email at [Aaron.Lifesty@mail.house.gov](mailto:Aaron.Lifesty@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Al Green  
Member of Congress

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as Slavery Remembrance Month and Day*