



HOUSE DEMOCRATS

Pete Aguilar, Chair | Ted Lieu, Vice Chair

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Dear Democratic Colleague,

I know all of us are still mourning the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Gerry Connolly. We will miss his deep knowledge, passion and sense of humor. Knowing Gerry, he would want us to keep up the fight, so I write to you with information on the process to fill the vacancy of Ranking Member on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Our [Caucus Rules](#) stipulate that we must elect a new Ranking Member within 30 days after a vacancy occurs. However, given the legislative calendar, I intend to seek your consent at our next Caucus meeting to waive the 30-day requirement and hold the election on **Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** This will ensure that the Caucus has sufficient time to hear from all candidates.

Consistent with past practice, elections will take place by secret ballot using the Invote HDC app, a web-based encrypted electronic voting app managed by the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The app will automatically download to Members' House-issued or House-managed mobile devices. Invote HDC is the same app Members used to vote in all Caucus leadership elections for the 118th and 119th Congresses.

The Democratic Caucus is coordinating with the CAO to provide tech support throughout the election process. As we've done in the past, the Caucus will open a test vote several weeks before the election to ensure all Members can vote successfully through the Invote HDC app. Members or their staff who need assistance with the Invote HDC app or the test vote can visit the Tech SOS Desk in B-242 Longworth on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

An on-site help desk will be available to provide live technical assistance during the election. We will also conduct an additional test vote the morning of the election to ensure Members' devices are working properly. Although Members do not need to be in HVC-215 to vote using the Invote HDC app, the Caucus cannot guarantee that we can resolve any technical issues experienced by Members who are not physically present.

We will brief the staff of declared candidates on Friday, June 6, 2025 to discuss election procedures and process. House Democratic Caucus staff will contact each declared candidate with more information about the candidate briefing.

Thank you for everything you do. If you have any questions, please contact Caucus.HelpDesk@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Pete Aguilar, Chair
House Democratic Caucus