



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

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Dear Colleagues,

As we prepare to host Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tomorrow at our joint meeting of Congress, I wanted to provide you all with a brief notice of additional security measures and a friendly reminder of the longstanding rules and decorum of the House.

Due to the attention garnered by the prime minister's address, there will be an increased police presence around the Capitol complex and in the House Chamber. In the interests of all involved, we will enforce a zero-tolerance policy for disturbances in the building.

All Members should kindly inform their guests that any disruption of the proceedings of the House is a violation of the rules and may subject the offenders to prosecution. If any disturbance does occur, the Sergeant at Arms and Capitol Police will remove the offending visitor(s) from the gallery and subject them to arrest.

As Members, it is incumbent upon us all to likewise model respect and proper decorum as representatives of the American people and our institution, and as ambassadors of the United States on the world stage. It is our tradition to acknowledge every guest speaker's right to free expression even if we disagree with their viewpoint.

If any Member creates a disturbance, the Sergeant at Arms will request that such action be ceased immediately, and we trust that request will be heeded.

I want to thank you all for your attention to these important matters and for your attendance at this historic joint session.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Johnson".

Mike Johnson