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The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker,

In 1995, when I was serving as Mayor of Fort Worth, I was asked to run for Congress. Serving as Mayor was a job I loved, and I had to think long and hard about whether I wanted to leave it. I prayed and I thought through the decision very carefully. I ultimately decided I wanted to serve in Congress and contribute to the success of the greatest nation on earth.

Since being elected to Congress, I have had the honor of serving on the Budget, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services Committees, as well as the Select Committee on Homeland Security. Twenty-five years ago, I had the distinct privilege of being selected to serve as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Since then, I have served as a member of eight of the twelve subcommittees, Chair of the Defense Subcommittee, Chair of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee, Full Committee Ranking Member and finally, Full Committee Chair. In addition to my committee work, I was Vice Chair of the House Republican Conference and a member of the Whip and Deputy Whip Teams. I also served in a role important to my great State of Texas when Speaker Boehner asked me to Chair his Republican Taskforce on the Border Crisis in 2014. In these positions, I have been able to make a difference for my community, our nation, and our world.

When I was selected as Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee, I committed to make some significant changes. I worked to find ways to make the Committee more Member-driven and Member-focused. Everyone now receives clear documentation of what is in the bills and Members know how their own requests were funded. This was a sea-change in how the Committee conducted its business, and I carried these practices into the majority.

When my colleagues made me the first Republican woman to Chair the Appropriations Committee, my goal was to pass conservative bills out of the Committee, get them to the floor, and get them signed into law. Despite Republicans having a very slim majority, today marks the completion in the House of the second spending agreement this month that prioritizes our nation's security and represents the first overall cut to non-defense, non-veterans spending, in almost a decade.

As I reflect on my time in the House of Representatives and more than 5 years as Ranking Member and now Chairwoman of the Appropriations Committee, I realize I have accomplished more than I ever could have imagined. Earlier this year I announced that I will not seek re-election. As I said at the time, I will fulfill my commitment and serve through the end of this Congress. Recognizing that an election year often results in final appropriations bills not getting enacted until well into the next fiscal year, it is important that I do everything in my power to ensure a seamless transition before the FY25 bill development begins in earnest. I, therefore, respectfully request that as soon as possible, the GOP Steering Committee and Conference select a new Chair of the Appropriations Committee to serve out the remainder of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

My goal for the next nine months is to return to where I began my career, as an educator. I will remain on the Committee as Chair Emeritus to lead as a teacher would, providing advice and counsel for my colleagues when it is needed. I will also continue to find ways to improve the lives of the people of the 12<sup>th</sup> District of Texas from my position on the Committee. I will dedicate my energy to helping the new Chair and our Conference achieve our goals through the appropriations process.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for stepping up to lead Congress during a very tumultuous time. I know you will continue to navigate the significant challenges we face with honor and integrity. I am confident that through your leadership, this House Majority will make changes in how Washington works. I look forward to seeing all of the important things that you can accomplish for our great nation. I appreciate your support in allowing me to pass the gavel to a new Chair who is ready to continue this fight with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kay Granger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kay" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Granger".

Kay Granger