

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 12, 2025

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

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. Minority Leader,

As you know, the recent election of the first American Pope is a moment of profound historic significance for the Catholic Church and our nation. As members of Congress, we are honored to witness this remarkable milestone, and we respectfully urge you to extend a formal invitation to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV to address a Joint Session of Congress.

Pope Leo XIV's life and ministry, shaped in part by his experiences in our own nation, equip him with a voice that speaks not only to Catholics, but to people of all faiths and backgrounds.

During a time when our nation needs unifying and the world faces severe humanitarian crises, an address by his Holiness would serve as a powerful reminder of our shared commitments to peace, service to others, and moral leadership. It would also affirm the deep and longstanding ties between the United States, The Holy See, and the global Catholic community.

Thank you for your continued leadership and your consideration of this request, which would not only honor the historic nature of His Holiness' papacy but the ideals that bind us as a nation.

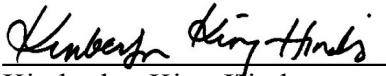
Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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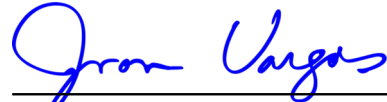
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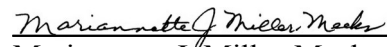
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