

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 7, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy:

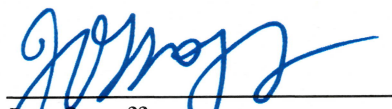
We write to encourage you to invite President Yoon Suk Yeol of the Republic of Korea (ROK) to address a Joint Session of Congress during his visit to the United States. This year, the United States and the ROK will celebrate the 70th anniversary of our alliance. Inviting President Yoon to address the Congress will honor this historic occasion and demonstrate the United States' enduring commitment to the alliance.

The Republic of Korea is a vital economic and security partner in the Indo-Pacific. North Korea's multiple missile launches and China's aggressive behavior in the Taiwan Strait and South China Sea make clear the continuing need for strong U.S.-ROK security cooperation on the Korean peninsula and in the Indo-Pacific region. The ROK is also the United States' sixth largest goods trading partner, and South Korean companies continue to invest in the United States, growing our economy and creating good-paying jobs. A strong U.S.-ROK relationship is more important than ever.

Beyond our security cooperation and economic partnership, the United States and the ROK share core values of commitment to democracy and rule of law, respect for human rights, and belief in private sector-led growth. These values are evident in the historic and family ties between our peoples. Inviting President Yoon to address a Joint Session of Congress would highlight for the American people those shared values and historic ties, while also honoring the Korean War Veterans and Korean-Americans who have contributed so much to American society.

President Yoon's visit to the United States presents an opportunity to underscore the ROK's position as an invaluable partner of the United States. Inviting President Yoon to address Congress would demonstrate that support for the alliance is rock-solid and transcends political parties. We appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator




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United States Senator



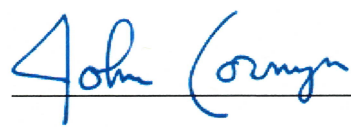
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