

MATT GAETZ
1ST DISTRICT, FLORIDA

ARMED SERVICES
COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON THE
JUDICIARY

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

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
2021 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-4136

DISTRICT OFFICE:
226 SOUTH PALAFOX PLACE
6TH FLOOR
PENSACOLA, FL 32502
(850) 479-1183

<https://gaetz.house.gov>

January 3, 2023

The Honorable J. Brett Blanton
12th Architect of the Capitol
Architect of the Capitol
U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Blanton,

I write to inform you that the Speaker of the House Office located in the U.S. Capitol Building is currently occupied by Rep. Kevin McCarthy. As of this morning, the 117th Congress adjourned sine die, and a Speaker from the 118th Congress has not been elected. After three undeciding votes, no member can lay claim to this office.

What is the basis in law, House rule, or precedent to allow someone who has placed second in three successive speaker elections to occupy the Speaker of the House Office? How long will he remain there before he is considered a squatter?

Please write back promptly as it seems Mr. McCarthy can no longer be considered Speaker-Designate following today's balloting.

Sincerely,



Matt Gaetz
Member of Congress