

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 15, 2024

The Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

We write to request that you invite His Excellency Fumio Kishida, the Prime Minister of Japan, to address a joint meeting of the Congress during his official visit to the United States in April 2024. Such an invitation sends a strong message of the Congress's commitment to our alliance, the values we share, and the friendship between our two peoples.

For over seven decades, the U.S.-Japan alliance has been the anchor of a free and open Indo-Pacific. In this era of strategic competition, our alliance is more important than ever before in preserving regional peace and stability. Since taking office in 2021, Prime Minister Kishida has overseen a further revitalization of Japan's national security and defense strategies to counter the People's Republic of China's aggression. Over the past few years, the United States and Japan have worked diligently to deepen security and economic cooperation with South Korea, Australia, India, and other countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands.

Across the region and the world, our two countries and peoples continue to work together in advancing our shared interests and values, including international peace and stability, support for human rights and democratic institutions, and economic and social development. Japan remains one of our largest trading partners and shares our commitment to greater supply chain security and integrating digital technologies, including through participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity.

The invitation for foreign dignitaries to address a joint meeting is one of the rarest honors the Congress reserves. Prime Minister Kishida's upcoming official visit is an opportunity for the Congress to extend that honor and in doing so strengthen the critical U.S.-Japan alliance, emphasize our shared bonds, and demonstrate our enduring commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jim Tokuda
Member of Congress

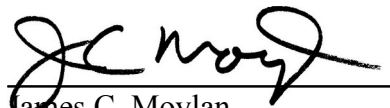

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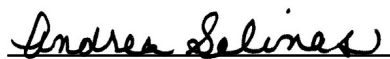
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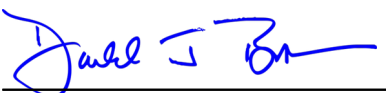
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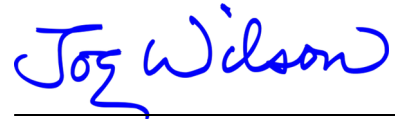
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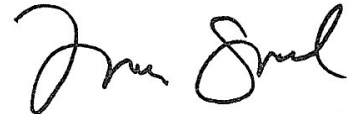
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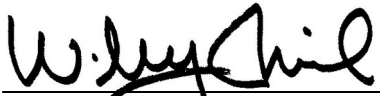
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