Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Republican Leader United States House of Representatives H-204, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader McCarthy:

We write to express concern with the behavior of Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA). In recent months, the Congresswoman's harassment of her colleagues has reached an unacceptable level. We respectfully request that you work with her to address these issues and ensure that this type of behavior no longer continues.

It is well documented that Rep. Greene has repeatedly singled out fellow members of Congress. In January, Rep. Greene was aggressively speaking into her phone as she walked mask-less down a hallway at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. When a colleague called on Rep. Greene to put on a mask, Rep. Greene and her staff berated the colleague, who subsequently moved offices for her and her staff's safety. In February, Rep. Greene displayed offensive signage outside her office to taunt a parent of a transgender child. In March, she berated a colleague on the floor of the House Chamber and continued to follow when her colleague refused to engage. Rep. Greene has also repeatedly lashed out at various members on social media. In May, she suggested that fellow members support terrorism, are anti-American, and don't belong in Congress. These behaviors only appear to be escalating, with her recent comments at a rally to lock up a colleague.

On February 3, 2021, you said that:

"Past comments from and endorsed by Marjorie Taylor Greene...do not represent the values or beliefs of the House Republican Conference...I also made clear that as a member of Congress we have a responsibility to hold ourselves to a higher standard than how she presented herself as a private citizen. Her past comments now have much greater meaning...I hold her to her word, as well as her actions going forward."

We firmly agree with you that we, as members of Congress, have a responsibility to conduct ourselves to a higher standard. We are elected by our constituents to do the people's work. While we may disagree on the policies, the members of this venerated institution have demonstrated for centuries that we are capable of treating each other with respect and dignity.

Rep. Greene's conduct does not comport with what we expect from a member of the House of Representatives. Moreover, we are extremely concerned that her conduct is

creating an unsafe work environment for members, and that her actions could lead to violence against members of Congress. Every day that goes by without action from your leadership is a tacit endorsement of the Congresswoman's offenses, and invitation for her to continue—and escalate further.

Everyone has a right to a workplace free from harassment and abuse, including members of Congress. We urge you in the strongest terms to take immediate action to address Rep. Greene's behavior.

Sincerely,

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