

# [***Marjorie Taylor Greene's New Primary Warning to Democrats***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BXN-9401-JBR6-92DV-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** Greene on Wednesday announced she plans to call a motion to vacate against House Speaker Mike Johnson next week.

**Body**

Rep. [*Marjorie Taylor*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/marjorie-taylor-greene?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)Greene, an outspoken Georgia [*Republican*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/republican?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), issued a warning to [*Democrats*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/democrats?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) that she will introduce a motion to vacate GOP House Speaker [*Mike Johnson*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/mike-johnson?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) next week.

Greene announced her intentions to call the motion against Johnson during a press conference Wednesday morning. She warned that Democrats, some of whom have suggested they would consider voting to save him, could face political backlash and possible primary challenges if they go through with the move.

"I can't wait to see Democrats go out and support a Republican Speaker and have to go home to their primaries and have to run for [*Congress*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/congress?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) again, having supported a Republican speaker—a Christian conservative. I think that will play well," she said.

**The Context**

Greene introduced an unprivileged motion to vacate against Johnson, a Louisiana Republican, in March after he passed a $1.2 trillion spending package with Democratic support to fund the government.

Her announcement on Wednesday follows weeks of growing frustration among House conservatives, who have expressed disappointment with Johnson over the spending package and for holding a vote on legislation to send aid to Ukraine.

**What We Know**

Greene announced she would be calling a vote on the motion during a press conference in Washington, D.C.

"I think every member of Congress needs to take that vote and let the chips fall where they may. And so next week, I am going to be calling this motion to vacate. Absolutely calling it," Greene said.

Due to [*Republicans*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/republicans?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)' slim majority in the House, Johnson can afford only three detractors from his own party without relying on Democrats to keep him in the position. In addition to Greene, GOP Reps. [*Thomas Massie*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/thomas-massie?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), of Kentucky, and [*Paul Gosar*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/paul-gosar?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), of Arizona, have also said they would back his ouster.

This means that if every member is present, Johnson would need every other Republican to support him to avoid removal.

On Tuesday, House Democratic leadership announced they would vote to table Greene's motion if she called it for a vote.

"From the beginning of this Congress, House Democrats have put people over ***politics*** and find bipartisan common ground with traditional Republicans in order to deliver real results," Minority Leader [*Hakeem Jeffries*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/hakeem-jeffries?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), Democratic Whip Katherine Clark and Democratic Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar wrote in a statement.

They continued: "At the same time, House Democrats have aggressively pushed back against MAGA extremism. We will continue to do just that."

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**Graphic**

Marjorie Taylor Greene primary warning to Democrats

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Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene speaks to reporters outside the U.S. Capitol building on March 22, 2024. Greene on Wednesday issued a warning to Democrats about saving House Speaker Mike Johnson from her motion to vacate.

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