

subject: Replacing Speaker McCarthy

Hello Ms. Maddow,

As you undoubtedly know, there has never been a successful attempt to remove a sitting Speaker of the House. It almost happened in 1997, when Newt Gingrich had lost the loyalty of his top leadership team (including Representative Lindsey Graham). But after a dramatic series of late-night meetings, the dissension was smoothed over. Mr. Gingrich's success was short-lived, however, as he was forced to resign after the 1998 elections.

The reason I bring this to your attention is the on-going threat from MAGA extremists to "vacate the chair" and remove Speaker McCarthy. While it seems unlikely that they will ever carry through with their threat, a cross-party alliance of dissatisfied moderate Republicans and Democrats could actually do it. The bipartisan majority that passed the Fiscal Responsibility Act and will eventually pass funding bills to keep the government running, have every incentive to replace Mr. McCarthy with a moderate Republican like Don Bacon (R-NE) who would be a strong independent Speaker

I'm writing to you today to ask that you host a segment on this subject to discuss the possibility. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Steven Pearlstein has written about a less-drastring version of this proposal a couple times. (See [How Congress Can Shut Down the Bullies](#) and [How to Take Congress Away from the Crazyies](#).) But the idea has yet to become part of the national conversation, which would change immediately if you were to talk about it on your show.

As you know, a bipartisan majority passed the Fiscal Responsibility Act a few months ago. And the same will ultimately pass funding bills to keep the government running. But unless Mr. McCarthy is replaced as Speaker, the MAGA minority will continue to undermine normal functioning of the people's House.

There is an organized network of citizens who've been advocating for this all year (www.FeathersOfHope.net). Please consider raising this subject on-air as early as practical.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

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