## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

March 4, 2024

His Excellency Kishida Fumio Prime Minister of Japan Embassy of Japan 2520 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On behalf of the bipartisan leadership of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, it is our honor to invite you to address a Joint Meeting of Congress on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

The enduring relationship between the United States and Japan has proven to be a force for good, and a catalyst of prosperity for our citizens. The current global threats endanger the peace and prosperity we mutually have worked to establish, making the relationship between our two nations as important as ever. As you said during your visit to the United States in August, "The international community is at a turning point in history."

It is our belief that our shared commitment to defense and democracy can lead to a future marked by stability and security. Together our leadership can be instrumental in strengthening our partnership, and we believe a Joint Address would pave the way for increased collaboration in the years to come, both in the Indo-Pacific and around the world.

We would be honored to host you at this historic event, which celebrates the friendship between Japan and the United States, and to hear your vision for the future of our two countries.

Sincerely,

Speaker of the House

MITCH McCONNELL

Senate Republican Leader

CHARLES E. SCHUMER Senate Majority Leader

HAKEEM JEFFRIES

House Democratic Leader