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**House of Representatives**  
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His Excellency, Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia  
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Your Excellency,

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I'd like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on your recent appointment as Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America. It is my great honor to welcome you to Washington, D.C., during this semiquincentennial year as we commemorate 250 years of American independence.

Just one year ago, I was honored to send bipartisan delegations to attend both the funeral of Pope Francis and the investiture of Pope Leo XIV. My colleagues were eternally grateful for the opportunity to represent their constituents and their country at these historic events, many of whom found the experience to be of deep spiritual significance during the Jubilee Year.

As our country celebrates its 250th anniversary, we are reminded of our longstanding commitment to the principles of human dignity and religious liberty, enshrined most famously in the Declaration of Independence. These ideals were shared and practiced by Archbishop John Carroll, our nation's first Catholic bishop. Carroll spoke often about the importance of integrating Catholic faith into American civic life and the mutually reinforcing relationship between Catholicism and republican self-government. I believe Archbishop Carroll would be proud to know that today, nearly 150 Members of Congress and six of our nine Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court are Catholic.

In a spirit of goodwill, I pray that your service and mission as Apostolic Nuncio will continue to foster a deep friendship between the United States and the Holy See. Again, please accept my warmest welcome and congratulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Johnson". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Mike Johnson  
U.S. Speaker of the House