

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

23-CR-E

August 3, 2023

The Honorable Roslynn R. Mauskopf  
Judicial Conference Secretary  
Administrative Office of the United States Courts  
One Columbus Circle, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Judge Mauskopf:

We are writing to request the Judicial Conference explicitly authorize the broadcasting of court proceedings in the cases of United States of America v. Donald J. Trump. It is imperative the Conference ensures timely access to accurate and reliable information surrounding these cases and all of their proceedings, given the extraordinary national importance to our democratic institutions and the need for transparency.

As the policymaking body for the federal courts, the Judicial Conference has historically supported increased transparency and public access to the courts' activities. Given the historic nature of the charges brought forth in these cases, it is hard to imagine a more powerful circumstance for televised proceedings. If the public is to fully accept the outcome, it will be vitally important for it to witness, as directly as possible, how the trials are conducted, the strength of the evidence adduced and the credibility of witnesses.

We urge the conference to take additional steps, including live broadcasting, to ensure the facts of this case are brought forward, unfiltered, to the public.

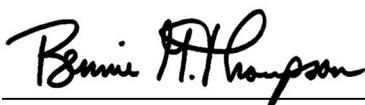
Sincerely,



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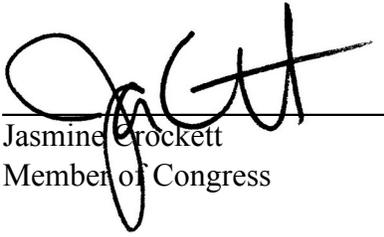
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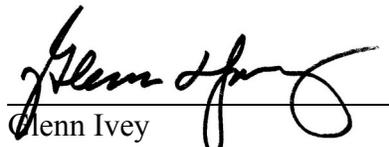
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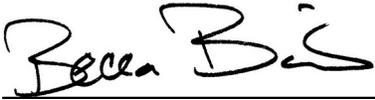
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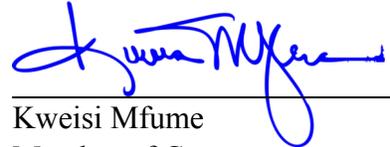
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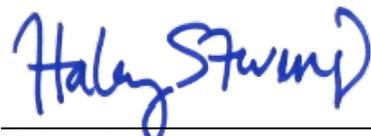
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20544

THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
*Presiding*

HONORABLE ROSLYNN R. MAUSKOPF  
*Secretary*

August 15, 2023

Members of Congress  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of Congress:

I write in response to your letter of August 3, 2023, inquiring about broadcasting of court proceedings in certain criminal cases. The issue of photographing and broadcasting in criminal cases is governed by Rule 53 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, which applies to all criminal proceedings in United States district courts. Rule 53 provides: “Except as otherwise provided by a statute or these rules, the court must not permit the taking of photographs in the courtroom during judicial proceedings or the broadcasting of judicial proceedings from the courtroom.”

I am forwarding your letter to the Judicial Conference’s Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules, which considers proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Your letter will be docketed and posted publicly on the Judiciary’s [website](#), and will be considered by the Advisory Committee pursuant to the Rules Enabling Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2072-2074.

If we may be of further assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us through the Office of Legislative Affairs, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, at 202-502-1700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roslynn R. Mauskopf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roslynn R. Mauskopf  
Secretary

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