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### **Kirsten Engel Statement on Juan Ciscomani's Vote to Install A Far-Right Speaker of the House**

TUCSON, AZ — Today, Kirsten Engel, an educator, former state legislator, and Democratic candidate for Arizona's 6th Congressional district, released the following statement on Juan Ciscomani's vote to elect Mike Johnson to be the next Speaker of the House:

**"Once again, Juan Ciscomani caved to his MAGA Republican allies and elected an anti-abortion zealot and election conspiracy theorist to be the next Speaker of the House. Ciscomani has refused to act in a bipartisan manner to get things done for our district, instead choosing to grind our government to a halt for over three weeks while Arizona's families paid the price. He cannot be trusted to represent our interests."**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Ciscomani's vote today follows his [triple-down support](#) of Jim Jordan, an election denier and anti-abortion extremist who supported cuts to benefits for veterans and 9/11 first responders. Mike Johnson has [cosponsored a national abortion ban with no exceptions](#), has called for [doctors to be jailed](#), has been called "[the most important architect of the Electoral College objections](#)" on Jan. 6, 2021, led the Republican Study Committee's [platform to cut Social Security and Medicare](#), and [introduced the national "Don't Say Gay" bill](#).

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