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Thomas Massie to Cosponsor MTG Motion to Vacate Against Speaker Johnson

In a statement this morning, Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) announced he is cosponsoring a Motion to Vacate by Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), <u>posting on X</u>:

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In response to Massie, House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) <u>stated he would not resign</u>: "I am not resigning and it is in my view an absurd notion that someone would bring a vacate motion when we are simply here trying to do our jobs."

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— The Recount (@therecount) April 16, 2024

Massie claimed Johnson could avoid the same fate as Former Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) by resigning, <u>stating on X</u>, "He said he won't resign. I said to him that he is the only one who can prevent



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Massie said Johnson's support for FISA, funding foreign wars, and spending were factors in his decision, <u>stating on X</u>, "All of the above. This camel has a pallet of bricks."

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