



SPEAKER JOHNSON AND LEADER JEFFRIES ACCEPT INVITATION TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON C-SPAN

(Washington, DC: October 15, 2025) – Both House Speaker Mike Johnson and Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries have publicly agreed to appear jointly on C-SPAN's *Ceasefire* program, hosted by POLITICO's Dasha Burns.

From Speaker Johnson's October 9, 2025, [appearance on "Washington Journal"](#):

C-SPAN: And you know about our program called *Ceasefire*?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: I know. I was just talking about it in the greenroom. It's exciting.

C-SPAN: And what Democrat would you like to sit across from?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'll sit down with Hakeem Jeffries, my counterpart. I'd love to.

C-SPAN: Will you?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yes. Sometime we'll get that going.

C-SPAN: I'm sure he's listening.

JOHNSON: Hakeem, let's sit down together, OK?

And *The Hill* published this morning, "[Jeffries accepts challenge, says he wants to debate Speaker Johnson on C-SPAN.](#)"

From *The Hill* article:

"House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) said this week that he's ready for a public debate with Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) amid the government shutdown, now in its third week.

'I look forward to that,' Jeffries told a small group of reporters on Tuesday in his office in the Capitol.

'We're going to try to get it scheduled, absolutely.'

Johnson had earlier declined a challenge from Jeffries to debate on the House floor, saying the time to debate the Republicans' spending bill had come and gone.

But in a rare appearance on C-SPAN last week, the Speaker said he wanted to sit down with Jeffries on the network's new program, 'Ceasefire,' which aims to bring together figures of opposing viewpoints to discuss the issues of the day.

C-SPAN stands ready to host this Johnson-Jeffries joint appearance. We look forward to providing a forum for a smart, civil, respectful exchange of ideas between both leaders. C-SPAN is currently working with both offices on scheduling.

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