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Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi:

I recognize that it is not always possible to accommodate Members' needs regarding votes or the timing thereof.

Today, however, I made what I believe was a very reasonable request regarding the vote on the motion to adjourn – a request which I believe no effort was made to accommodate. This is all the more disturbing because I was provided essentially no advance notice that the vote would occur when it did.

I left on an early flight out of Colorado this morning in order to reach Washington, and Capitol Hill, in time to vote today. My flight landed just as the vote on the motion to adjourn was called. As soon as I got in the car, I called the cloakroom to advise that I was en route, and asked that the vote be held open until I arrived. I was no more than 10 minutes from the Capitol, and I was aware the vote was being held open already - as the first vote of the day, apparently in an effort to give Members additional time to arrive and cast their votes.

However, the vote was completed just as I entered the Capitol. I regret that my request that the vote be held open was not honored and that I was not able to cast my vote even though I was only seconds short of being able to do so.

Acknowledging that floor action cannot be adjusted merely to serve one Member's needs, I still feel that my very reasonable request was unfairly disregarded.

Warm Regards,

Mark Udall  
Member of Congress