

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024*

**Statement on Senate Minority Leader A. Mitchell McConnell's Decision Not To Seek Reelection to Senate Republican Leadership**

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American Democracy is based on elected representatives coming together and bridging their different points of view to find common ground on behalf of the American people. I'm proud that my friend Mitch McConnell and I have been able to do that for many years, working together in good faith even though we have many political disagreements. During his many years of leadership, we could always speak with each other honestly and put the country ahead of ourselves.

America is now being rebuilt by the biggest infrastructure law in nearly 70 years. We're making critical investments so our economy can outcompete China. We're standing up for our values and our most urgent national security interests in the world because of it. America is making tremendous strides towards curing cancer.

There is nothing America cannot do when we do it together.

Mitch has lived the American dream, overcoming polio and going on to become the longest-serving Senate leader in American history. Jill and I wish the best to Mitch and Elaine.

NOTE: The statement referred to former Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao, wife of Sen. McConnell.

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