

# [***Trump Makes Key Endorsement In Senate Republican Leadership Race***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BKY-2R01-DXXD-702K-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Former President Donald Trump endorsed Republican Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming to be the next Senate GOP whip Thursday.

Barrasso, who currently serves as the Senate Republican Conference chair, [*threw*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/03/05/john-barrasso-passes-senate-gop-leadership-run-lower-post/) his hat in the race after current Minority Whip [*John Thune*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/03/05/john-thune-earmarks-spending-bill-over-116-million/) announced he'd vie to succeed Minority Leader [*Mitch McConnell*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/28/mitch-mcconnell-stepping-down-senate-republican-leader/). Trump threw his support behind Barrasso for the position in a Truth Social [*post*](https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/112096873591796017) after the chairman [*endorsed*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/01/09/wyoming-john-barrasso-endorse-donald-trump/) the presumptive Republican presidential [*nominee*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/03/12/donald-trump-georgia-mississippi-primaries/) in early January for 2024. [***(RELATED: John Barrasso Passes On Senate GOP Leadership Run For Lower Post)***](https://dailycaller.com/2024/03/05/john-barrasso-passes-senate-gop-leadership-run-lower-post/)

“John Barrasso is a fantastic Senator for the incredible people of Wyoming,” Trump wrote. “He is running to be the next Republican Whip for the Senate Republican Conference, a very important job, to ensure we pass and enact Strong Legislation that puts America First. I know John very well - he will never let you down. John Barrasso has my Complete and Total Endorsement!”

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA - FEBRUARY 29: U.S. Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) speaks during a news conference with Arizona Republican U.S. Senate candidate and far-right election denier Kari Lake on February 29, 2024 in Phoenix, Arizona. (Photo by Rebecca Noble/Getty Images)

“I'm grateful for President Trump's endorsement. I'm ready to keep fighting for Wyoming with him back in the White House,” Barrasso told the Daily Caller News Foundation in a statement. “Trump's policies helped Wyoming thrive. Together, we can dump the disastrous Biden agenda and get our country back on track.”

McConnell's decision to retire from the position [*after*](https://ballotpedia.org/Mitch_McConnell) roughly 17 years in November has prompted numerous shakeups in the Senate Republican leadership ranks.

Republican Texas Sen. [*Jon Cornyn*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/29/john-cornyn-announces-intention-run-gop-leader/) is also competing to succeed McConnell, who said he will serve out the remainder of his Senate term.

Senate Republican Policy Committee Chair Joni Ernst is [*running*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/03/11/joni-ernst-challenges-tom-cotton-senate-gop-conference-chair/) to replace Barrasso, who holds the next-highest position in leadership than she does. GOP Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas is also vying for the role, but doesn't currently hold an elected leadership position.

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ROME, GEORGIA - MARCH 09: Republican presidential candidate and former U.S. President Donald Trump leaves the stage a the conclusion of a campaign rally at the Forum River Center March 09, 2024 in Rome, Georgia. Both Trump and President Joe Biden are holding campaign events on Saturday in Georgia, a critical battleground state, two days before the its primary elections. A city of about 38,000, Rome is in the heart of conservative northwest Georgia and the center of the Congressional district represented by Rep. Majorie Taylor Green (R-GA). (Photo by Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

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