

# [***Nikki Haley Receives First Endorsement From A Senator***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BFV-GDY1-JBCM-F0GM-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska said she was proud to endorse Haley, who would uphold the ideals of the Republican Party if elected.

**Body**

**Topline**

Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley secured her first endorsement from a sitting senator Friday afternoon when Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, announced her support for the former South Carolina governor in her campaign against former President Donald Trump.

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Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska said she was proud to endorse Republican presidential candidate and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who she said would uphold the ideals of the Republican Party if elected.

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**Key Facts**

Murkowski said in astatementshe was proud to endorse Haley, adding: America needs someone with the right values, vigor, and judgment to serve as our next President.

She said Haley was the best option in the race and would uphold the ideals of the Republican Party while serving as a President for all Americans.

Murkowski is widely considered one of the most centrist Republicans in Congress.

Haley s only other congressional endorsement has come from Rep. Ralph Norman, R.-S.C., a member of the House Freedom Caucus whoendorsedHaley over Trump in February, saying it s time for a reset and a new chapter in national Republican ***politics***, and there s no better person to help write that new chapter than Haley.

Haley responded to Murkowski s endorsement in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, in which Haleysaidshe was honored to get the support of someone who is a tough, independent voice for Alaska.

**What We Don t Know**

Whether Murkowski s endorsement helps Haley s performance in the Alaska primary Tuesday.

**Big Number**

15%. That s how much support Haley averages across national Republican primary polls,accordingto FiveThirtyEight. Trump is beating Haley heartily, with 76.8% support.

**Key Background**

Murkowski s endorsement came days before Super Tuesday, a critically important day for Haley as she hopes to beat Trump in at least one state something she s yet to do. Haley lost to Trump in the Republican primary inMichiganearlier this week, with Trump getting 68.1% of the vote compared to the former United Nations ambassador, who received 26.6% of the vote,accordingto the Associated Press. Haley alsolostin her home state of South Carolina, where Trump received 59.8% of the vote to her 39.5%,accordingto the Associated Press. Despite her losses, Haley has said she ll stay in the race for president until at least Super Tuesday March 5 to give voters an alternative to Trump and President Joe Biden, who she hascalled grumpy old men.

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