

# [***Dean Phillips Ends Campaign, Endorses Joe Biden***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BGR-RM11-DY68-13BH-00000-00&context=1516831)

Newsweek.com

March 6, 2024 Wednesday 1:28 PM EST

Copyright © 2024 Newsweek Inc. All Rights Reserved



**Length:** 397 words

**Byline:** Andrew Stanton

**Highlight:** Phillips said on Wednesday that it is clear Joe Biden is "our candidate and our opportunity."

**Body**

Representative Dean Phillips announced on Wednesday that he is ending his challenge to President [*Joe Biden*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/joe-biden?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) after his campaign struggled to gain traction ahead of Super Tuesday.

"I ran for [*Congress*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/congress?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) in 2018 to resist [*Donald Trump*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/donald-trump?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), I was trapped in the Capitol in 2021 because of Donald Trump, and I ran for President in 2024 to resist Donald Trump again - because Americans were demanding an alternative, and democracy demands options," he wrote in a post on X, formerly [*Twitter*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/twitter?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships).

He continued, "But it is clear that alternative is not me. And it is clear that Joe Biden is OUR candidate and OUR opportunity to demonstrate what type of country America is and intends to be."

**The Context**

Phillips, a Minnesota Democrat first elected to Congress in 2018, challenged Biden for the Democratic presidential nomination, arguing it is time for new leadership in ***politics***. He raised concerns about Biden's age, as well as the president's electability during his campaign. Although he is known as a more moderate Democrat in Congress, Phillips at times took more progressive positions during the presidential race, such as embracing Medicare for All.

**What We Know**

Phillips announced that he was dropping out of the race shortly after 1 p.m. ET on Wednesday. In a post on X, he thanked those who supported his campaign while also throwing his support behind Biden.

"But today, in light of the stark reality we face, I ask you join me in mobilizing, energizing, and doing everything you can to help keep a man of decency and integrity in the White House. That's Joe Biden," Phillips wrote.

He urged [*Democrats*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/democrats?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) to "use invitation, not confrontation" to convince [*Nikki Haley*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/nikki-haley?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)'s supporters as well as those who have voted "uncommitted" in Democratic primaries to support Biden. Haley, a former [*United Nations*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/united-nations?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) ambassador and South Carolina governor, dropped out of the GOP presidential primary on Wednesday.

Phillips had struggled to break through by Super Tuesday, as Democrats largely rallied behind Biden despite some concerns. Polls show the president trailing Donald Trump in the general election.

In his home state of Minnesota, Phillips received just 7.8 percent of the vote, trailing Biden, who earned the support of 71 percent of primary voters, and "uncommitted," backed by 18.9 percent of voters Tuesday night.

*Update 3/6/24, 1:50 p.m. ET: This article was updated with additional information.*

[*Link to Image*](https://d.newsweek.com/en/full/2358357/dean-phillips-ends-presidential-race.jpg)

**Graphic**

Dean Phillips ends presidential race

Brandon Bell/Getty Images

Representative Dean Phillips speaks during a campaign rally on January 22, 2024 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Phillips, a Minnesota Democrat, announced he is exiting the 2024 presidential race on Wednesday.

**Load-Date:** March 6, 2024

**End of Document**