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Matt Gaetz Withdraws From Attorney General Nomination

Former Representative Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) announced he is withdrawing from consideration for U. S. attorney general, [following concern regarding](#) a House Ethics Committee investigation into his alleged misconduct. Gaetz stated [his nomination](#) was becoming a distraction and that he has dropped out to avoid his confirmation hearings disrupting the Trump-Vance transition. Gaetz made the announcement [in a post on X](#):



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Matt Gaetz

Trump responded to Gaetz's withdrawal, stating he appreciates his efforts and respects his decision to avoid being a distraction, stating [in a post on Truth Social](#):

I greatly appreciate the recent efforts of Matt Gaetz in seeking approval to be Attorney General. He was doing very well but, at the same time, did not want to be a distraction for the Administration, for which he has much respect. Matt has a wonderful future, and I look forward to watching all of the great things he will do!

In response to the announcement, Gaetz's wife, Ginger, responded, [posting on X](#):

Nobody loves America more than you ☐☐

Many have speculated that Trump's nomination of Matt Gaetz was meant to secure Senate Republican approval of other less-controversial nominations through Gaetz agreeing to withdraw. Red Eagle Politics, a Gen Z political commentator who [accurately predicted](#) the voting results of six of seven swing states prior to the 2024 presidential election, shared similar views on the Gaetz nomination, stating [in a post on X](#):

I'm starting to agree with the theory that the whole Matt Gaetz thing was just 5D chess from Trump to test how far he could push a Republican Senate

This likely was the plan from the get go, hence why Gaetz himself removed himself from consideration



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