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Des Moines – Iowa Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver announced today he will not seek reelection and conclude his service as Majority Leader.

"I first started campaigning for the Iowa Senate hours after my oldest daughter was born. I ran because taxes were too high, and I wanted to make it easier to work, start a business and raise a family in Iowa. I believe I have accomplished my goals," said Whitver. "I am proud of the work we have accomplished in limiting government, controlling spending, reducing taxes and expanding the rights and freedoms of the people of this great state."

"My oldest daughter is now driving and my three children are very active, making family life is busier than ever. I continue to battle a brain tumor and while progress remains positive, I still have a long way to go. My work in the Senate may be coming to a close, but my commitment to making Iowa the best state in the country will always be a part of my life."

Since March of 2018, Whitver has led one of the most conservative, productive and largest majorities in Iowa history. The legislative accomplishments during Whitver's tenure read like a wish list from conservatives: generational changes to the regulatory structure in Iowa, historic income tax relief moving Iowa from the 46<sup>th</sup> worst state for income taxes to one of the 10 best, and some of the strongest protections in the country for life and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Whitver also led on critical issues like protecting girls' sports and private spaces, welfare reform, tort reform and election integrity.

While Whitver's policy achievements are extensive, his political achievements may exceed even the transformative nature of his policy achievements. He was the second highest ranking Republican when the party regained the Senate majority in 2016. During his tenure as Majority Leader, the Senate Republican Caucus expanded from 29 seats to a high of 35 seats after the 2024 elections. It was the first time either party had been in the supermajority in half a century. All these electoral successes occurred while advancing and defending a bold, consistent and conservative agenda through the Iowa Senate.

Senator Whitver was elected to the Iowa Senate in 2011 and has served in various leadership roles in the Senate. He was elected Senate President by his colleagues in November 2016 after the Republicans gained control of the Senate. In March 2018 Senator Whitver was elected to the position of Senate Majority Leader and was reelected to the Senate's top leadership position after the 2020 election, the 2022 election and the 2024 election.

He and his wife Rachel have three children.

Whitver will serve as Majority Leader until Senate Republicans meet to select a new leader in the near future.

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