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## **Filibuster – common sense advice from our president**

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The talk of ending the filibuster hangs heavy over the Senate these days with the Senate at 50/50 and an ambitious group of leftist legislators chomping at the bit.

Our president has been consistent over the years about his support for the filibuster. As former vice-president, he gave moral support to the frequent democrat filibuster activity during the Trump administration. He watched approvingly in 2018 when democrat Senator Durbin defended the filibuster by stating: “We have to acknowledge our respect for the minority, and that is what the Senate tries to do in its composition and in its procedure.”

Of course, Durbin’s comment came when Senate democrats were in the minority. In 2017, a majority of Senate Democrats, including current VP Harris, had signed a letter to Senate leaders McConnell and Schumer strongly recommending retaining the 60-vote threshold to break the filibuster and bring Republican legislation to a vote.

Let’s respect the common sense offered by Joe Biden as a Senator in 2005: “At its core, the filibuster is not about stopping a nominee or a bill – it’s about compromise and moderation.....it does not mean I get my way. It means you may have to compromise.”

Good advice Mr. President.