



*Specter in his  
Washington  
office in 2005*

## ARLEN SPECTER

SENATOR, 82  
BY JOE BIDEN

▲ Arlen Specter had exceptional character. We saw it every day of his life. Some of my best memories come from just sitting with him on train rides home. We learned so much about each other's families that you'd think we grew up together. And for almost 40 years, we worked together on everything from Supreme Court nominations to bills that fought crime. On every issue, it was a privilege to watch and learn from Arlen.

He had an unshakable commitment to people in need. That's why he worked so hard for groundbreaking medical research. He fought to give them hope, and today, Arlen's legacy includes the numberless people who will win their battles with illness. If God had given him more time, he probably would've just kept on fighting, because I've never seen a man with more physical and political courage. He believed that if you just worked hard enough, you could change the world. And so often, he did.

*Biden is the Vice President of the United States*