

Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE STEPHEN BREYER

January 27, 2022

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to tell you that I have decided to retire from regular active judicial service as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and to serve under the provisions of 28 U. S. C. § 371(b). I intend this decision to take effect when the Court rises for the summer recess this year (typically late June or early July) assuming that by then my successor has been nominated and confirmed.

I enormously appreciate the privilege of serving as part of the federal judicial system - nearly 14 years as a Court of Appeals Judge and nearly 28 years as a Member of the Supreme Court. I have found the work challenging and meaningful. My relations with each of my colleagues have been warm and friendly. Throughout, I have been aware of the great honor of participating as a judge in the effort to maintain our Constitution and the rule of law.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Breyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Breyer".

Stephen Breyer