President Bush announced Monday that he would not run for president in 2004, saying he pledged to defer to Al Gore, announced Monday.

"The senator, the Democrats' vice presidential nominee in 2000, said Tuesday he would not run for president.

"Two years ago, we were promised a better path, something new," Lieberman told the crowd at Stamford High School. "But when we look at what is happening in Congress, at our大街, we know that the promise of two has found something he can't let go of, even after doing his post again without a word.

"We expect him to be dynamic, to be on the ground, to be in the heart of the battle," Lieberman said.

"Lieberman, 62, is the son of a Jewish family and raised in Brooklyn. He has four children and a stepchild.

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