

WisDems: Speaker Ryan Returns To His District Only To Receive An Award

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MADISON – After failing to pass a health care bill and avoiding speaking with his constituents all year, Speaker Paul Ryan will finally return to his district today to receive an award for his “Excellence in Leadership” at Celebrazione Italiana in Kenosha this evening.

Since 1999, Speaker Ryan has only passed three bills that have become law where he was the lead sponsor, and this year, he’s been the poster boy for Republican’s legislative failures in 2017 – including an embarrassing failure to pass a Republican health care bill to replace the popular Affordable Care Act.

Furthermore, the Speaker has drawn criticism from his own constituents for failing to hold a town hall in 2017. Speaker [Paul Ryan has only hosted one town hall in 2017... on CNN](#), where [his dance moves got more attention than anything else](#). During the last Congressional recess, Ryan failed to make a trip to visit his constituents in a town hall setting, [declining invitations from local grassroots organizations](#). Ryan’s ducking of his constituents led his hometown paper, [the Janesville Gazette, to opine that the Speaker of the House was detached from his district](#).

“Speaker Paul Ryan’s definition of leadership is trying to kick 24 million people off of their health care and give huge tax giveaways to the richest people in the country – all while avoiding his own constituents,” Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesman

Brandon Weathersby said on Friday. “Ryan wants all the prestige of someone who does the hard work on behalf of his constituents but doesn’t want to get his hands dirty. The next piece of recognition he’ll receive from the people of the First Congressional District is a pink slip in 2018.”

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