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RACINE, WI - Over the weekend, [reports](#) broke that Speaker Paul Ryan received nearly \$500,000 in campaign contributions from billionaire Charles Koch and his wife in the days after Ryan successfully passed his "tax reform" bill. Koch lobbied extensively for the bill in D.C., and it is expected to save him, his family and his business billions in taxes. Democratic congressional candidate Randy Bryce, who is challenging Paul Ryan's in Wisconsin's First District, released the following statement on the news of this quid-pro-quo.

"I'm not sure what's worse: that Speaker Ryan sold his vote, that he pretended this tax bill was for the middle class, or that he proposed paying for the Kochs' billion-dollar tax break by cutting Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. Paul Ryan is putting billionaires and special-interest groups ahead of the people of the First District, and this quid pro quo with the Kochs is just the latest example. Whether its refusing to hold a town hall in his District, trying to repeal protections for preexisting conditions, or using children's health insurance as bargaining chip, Paul Ryan has clearly changed for the worse in office."

While Paul Ryan [announced](#) that he will no longer do public town halls, Randy Bryce will be hosting an event in the Speaker's hometown of Janesville on Tuesday at 7PM at UAW Local 95's Union Hall. Randy will speak about the Koch's contribution and the many other reasons its time to repeal and replace Paul Ryan. In honor of the Speaker's preference for [\\$350 wine bottles](#), Randy will

provide boxed wine to attendees.

About Randy Bryce

Randy Bryce is a U.S. Army veteran, cancer survivor, and union ironworker. He was raised in southeastern Wisconsin, and went to public schools. Randy's father was a police officer, and his mother worked in a doctor's office. After graduation, Randy enlisted in the U.S. Army, and was posted to Honduras, where he earned the Army Achievement Medal. After returning stateside, Randy was diagnosed with cancer, which he survived, but only after struggling through the bankruptcy that came with the medical bills. Once in remission, Randy found his way to an apprenticeship as an iron worker, a trade he's now been practicing and fighting to protect from anti-labor laws for nearly 20 years. Randy currently resides in Caledonia, WI with his son, Ben, who attends public schools like his dad. Randy joined the race for Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District in Summer 2017.