

# U.S. Sen. Johnson: Discusses importance of North American trade

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, spoke about the importance of trade with Mexico and Canada for Wisconsin during an interview on Bloomberg TV this afternoon.

Excerpts from Senator Johnson's appearance are below and video can be found [here](#).

“Wisconsin has a trade surplus with both Canada and Mexico. Mexico is our largest market for Wisconsin cheese. I was glad the administration has come to terms with Mexico on a trade deal. I hope that Canada can also come to an agreement, because we really do want that North American market.”

“I wish this agreement would have been made months ago because we've just had this uncertainty hanging over our economy. You can see how the stock market stalled and how the stock market took off once this deal was done, so I hope the administration is paying attention to that.”

“We really do need to conclude NAFTA [and] trade negotiations with Europe so that a united front of the rest of the trading world really goes to China and demands that they follow the rules. ... It's going to take a united front with the rest of the trading world to really make sure that China behaves.”