

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Statement on criminal justice reform

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) said the following Tuesday regarding his vote for the First Step Act:

“The First Step Act recognizes that helping federal inmates prepare for a successful life outside of prison can reduce recidivism and crime. Through the Joseph Project, I have witnessed formerly incarcerated individuals transform their lives when given work opportunities. Like most pieces of legislation, it is not perfect, and provisions I hoped to see included were not adopted. Nevertheless, I believe the potential positives outweighed my concerns and I voted to support it. It will be the responsibility of Congress to closely monitor the results of the law in the years ahead, and make modifications if necessary.”