

U.S. Rep. Kind: Invites Ramon Knudtson, president of the Wisconsin Rural Water Association, to State of the Union Address

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La Crosse - U.S. Rep. Ron Kind announced that he will bring Ramon Knudtson, President of the Wisconsin Rural Water Association, to the State of the Union address tonight. Mr. Knudtson will be in Washington, D.C. advocating for clean water in rural communities. Ramon lives in Melrose, and serves as the Director of Public Works for the Village of Melrose. He has also volunteered with the Melrose Fire Department for the last 38 years.

"I look forward to Ramon Knudtson joining me for the State of the Union address. Ramon has dedicated his life to making western and central Wisconsin stronger through his work with the Village of Melrose, the Wisconsin Rural Water Association, and the Melrose Fire Department," said Rep. Ron Kind. "Wisconsinites like Ramon are the heart of our rural communities. It is an honor to invite him as a tribute to our first responders and volunteers who work tirelessly to lift our communities higher and move us forward."

"I'm excited to be in Washington fighting for Wisconsin's Rural Water Association and the water industry, and look forward to attending the State of the Union with Congressman Kind," said Ramon Knudtson. "Clean water is something we take for

granted, but many communities across our state don't have reliable water sources. With partnerships between advocacy associations and the government, we can work together to help everyone get this essential need.”

Rep. Ron Kind has been a longtime advocate for clean, accessible water. Recently, he released his [priorities for the 116th Congress](#), including rebuilding Wisconsin's failing river and water infrastructure.