

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Sends letter to Commerce Department, introduces resolution on 5G network development

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), the chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, sent a letter to Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and introduced a resolution on Monday, both concerning U.S. development and deployment of 5G wireless technology. The senator's letter to Secretary Ross raises concerns that the Department of Commerce may be intentionally delaying progress in the race to 5G.

"It has come to my attention that one of your senior advisers may be placing personal animosity ahead of our country's 5G goals. This threatens the clearly stated goals and priorities of the President and Congress and also undermines the NTIA's mission to 'expand the use of spectrum by all users,'" Sen. Johnson wrote. "Spectrum deliberations are best conducted by engineers working collaboratively together to solve challenges, not bureaucrats trying to defend their turf."

The senator's resolution expresses the sentiment that leading the world in the development and deployment of 5G wireless technology is a national priority.