

# U.S. Sen. Johnson: Weighs in on border on Meet the Press

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**WASHINGTON** – In an interview from the Munich Security Conference that aired on NBC's *Meet the Press* Sunday, U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) spoke about the president's national emergency declaration and the humanitarian crisis at our southern border.

Excerpts of the interview are below, and video can be found [here](#).

**“The better way to solve this problem would be for Democrats to support what they’ve supported in the past and give this president funding for better barriers, which we need. We need to secure our border. We need to fix our horribly broken legal and illegal immigration system.”**

**“We need to fix our laws that incentivize children to come up and take a very dangerous journey. ... This is a horrible situation, there are so many aspects to this problem. We need to sit down, we need to define the problem, we need to define the root cause and we need to define real solutions. That’s going to take a bipartisan effort.”**

**“I regret that past congresses have given the president, any president, a lot of Congress’s constitutional authority. It’s done it on tariffs, it’s done it in this case, it’s done in many cases. We should have three co-equal branches.”**

**“If this president can claim a mandate on anything he ran on, it’s exactly this issue: better barriers and securing our border. Democrats in Congress have supported this in the past, they just won’t support it now because it is President Trump.”**