

Opportunity Wisconsin: Part-time senator and full-time grinch, U.S. Sen. Johnson, rejects COVID relief for working Wisconsinites

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis.— Today [Opportunity Wisconsin](#) released the following statement after U.S. Senator Ron Johnson voted against the bipartisan COVID aid package, which aims to bring much-needed and long-overdue economic relief to folks across the Badger State, and includes direct payments, COVID test funding, rental and nutrition assistance, unemployment benefits, small business loans and grants, and school and childcare funding.

Reba Krueger, Deputy Program Director:

“After blocking \$1,200 direct payments on Friday, I guess we shouldn’t be surprised that today Senator Ron Johnson took his contempt for working Wisconsin families a step further with his vote against emergency COVID relief. While there is much, much more Congress needs to do in order to support our friends and neighbors that have been economically devastated during this pandemic, now is not the time to play partisan politics with people’s lives. As we head into the depths of a long Wisconsin winter, Badger State residents will have Senator Johnson to thank for being left out in the cold.”

[In a floor speech Friday](#), Senator Johnson rejected the \$1,200 in direct payments

citing the impact on America's deficit. Unfortunately, Senator Johnson failed to mention his support for the 2017 tax cuts which not only exploded the deficit by over \$1 trillion, but also [personally enriched the millionaire Senator](#).