

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Statement on President Trump's visit to Kenosha

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OSHKOSH - U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) said the following Monday about President Trump's upcoming visit to Kenosha:

"It is a sad state of affairs when Governor Evers asks the president of the United States to stay out of Wisconsin. Throughout this rolling tragedy, I've pleaded for calm but also for political leadership that provides the resolve and manpower to end the rioting and allow the safe reopening of downtown Kenosha.

"President Trump provided decisive leadership and offered support for Kenosha that Governor Evers initially rejected. Instead, the governor and his lieutenant governor made statements, leapt to conclusions, and have participated in rallies that have done more to incite than calm the situation.

"Even if protests don't result in riots, lost lives and property destruction, if not contained, they can lengthen into a siege like we have seen in Portland and Seattle, denying the constitutional rights of business owners and their employees, who are prevented from earning a living.

"Now is the time to support law enforcement and the citizens of Kenosha. It is not the time to encourage activities that will keep Kenosha boarded up and shut down. That is why I visited Kenosha on Saturday and why I will welcome President Trump on Tuesday."