

# U.S. Sen. Johnson: Leads Wisconsin delegation letter supporting major disaster declaration request

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**WASHINGTON** — U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) led the Wisconsin congressional delegation in sending a letter to President Trump Thursday, expressing support for Gov. Tony Evers' major disaster declaration request to assist Wisconsin's COVID-19 response.

**“We write to express support for Governor Tony Evers’ request for a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Wisconsin and its 72 counties to support our response to COVID-19. As of March 31, 2020, COVID-19 has infected 1,351 Wisconsinites and led to 16 deaths in our state. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) predicts that Wisconsin’s hospital capacity could be exceeded at some point in April. COVID-19 has also severely impacted our state’s industries: the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development reports increases of unemployment assistance claims by 4,670% in the Food Preparation and Serving Related occupations and 7,750% in the Personal Care and Service occupations,”** the members wrote. **“As Wisconsin continues to fight COVID-19 with all of its effort and resources, we seek this crucial federal assistance to help in our fight. We respectfully ask you to review and consider this request.”**

Full text of the letter is below and can be found [here](#).