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U.S. Sen. Johnson: Rioting must not be allowed to continue

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OSHKOSH – U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) said the following Tuesday about the overnight violence that resulted in looting and fires in Kenosha and Madison:

"Yesterday, I acknowledged the understandable concern and emotional reaction to the shooting of Jacob Blake. I also asked anyone choosing to demonstrate to remain peaceful, and give our justice system time to work. Unfortunately, Kenosha and Madison experienced another night of violence and destruction. I again ask for demonstrators to remain peaceful and also call on elected officials charged with the responsibility to maintain safety and security in Wisconsin to devote the manpower to do so. In particular, I ask Governor Evers to provide a sufficient presence of the Wisconsin National Guard to maintain order.

"Peaceful protesting is a constitutionally protected form of free speech. Rioting is not. It must not be allowed to continue."