

# Committee to Protect Medicare: Statement of Sen. Johnson continuing to let Americans die of COVID-19

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Milwaukee, WI — Yesterday, Senator Ron Johnson [forced U.S. Senate clerks to read](#) the entire 600+ page American Rescue Plan bill in order to further delay its passage. During the nearly 11 hours it took to read the bill, it's estimated that almost [900 Americans died](#) of COVID-19. In response, Dr. Madelaine Tully, a family physician in Milwaukee, released the following statement:

“Throughout this pandemic, my fellow doctors and I have been using every tool available to save lives and stop the spread of this deadly disease, while Senator Johnson has sought to undermine those tools — and our chances at finally getting COVID-19 under control. Make no mistake — Johnson’s partisan tricks are deadly. While Wisconsinites are begging to get vaccinated, Johnson single-handedly delayed the passage of the American Relief Plan and its funding to get more shots in arms. Meanwhile, hundreds more Americans, who didn’t get the protection of a vaccination, perished from COVID-19. As we continue to lose our fellow Wisconsinites and Americans, we’ll remember Johnson’s role in this ongoing tragedy.”