

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Infrastructure package isn't paid for; we won't support increases to federal debt

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Sen. Johnson, Sen. Scott and Colleagues: Infrastructure Package Isn't Paid For; We Won't Support Increases to Federal Debt

WASHINGTON — On Tuesday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) along with Sens. Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), and Mike Lee (R-Utah) released the following statement regarding the insufficient pay-fors in the 2,700 page, \$1.2 trillion “infrastructure” bill.

“We can't spend money we don't have. Period. Just look at what is happening with inflation. We were promised this infrastructure bill was fully paid for, and now we see that it's not. This was nothing more than a bait and switch. \$205 billion of this bill was to be paid for with repurposed COVID funds. The latest proposal only shows

\$50 billion in COVID funds being used, as well as a lot of the proposed 'pay-fors' missing. So we are asking our colleagues: How is this infrastructure spending bill being paid for? We still don't know. We still don't have a score on this legislation from the Congressional Budget Office. Let's not forget, this is just the first step in the Democrats' plan to pass their \$5.5 trillion tax-and-spend liberal wish list. We support infrastructure, but it has to be paid for. This proposal isn't it."