

# U.S. Sen. Johnson: Joins colleagues to introduce a bill to block Biden administration's plan to reopen U.S. consulate for Palestinians that divides Jerusalem

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**WASHINGTON** — U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) joined U.S. Sen. Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.) and 34 of their Senate Republican colleagues to introduce the [Upholding the 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Law Act of 2021](#), a bill to protect the full and faithful implementation of the *Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995* and block the Biden administration's efforts to subvert the law.

Under the Trump administration, the United States [fully implemented](#) the *Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995* by [formally recognizing](#) Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel on Dec. 6, 2017, by [moving](#) the U.S. Embassy to Israel's capital city, Jerusalem, on May 14, 2018, and by [closing](#) the U.S. Consulate General for the Palestinians and [merging](#) its functions into U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem's new Palestinian Affairs Unit (PAU) under the U.S. Ambassador to Israel's Chief of Mission authority. Prior to the *Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995*'s full and faithful implementation, the U.S. consulate for the Palestinians had previously operated completely outside of the U.S. Ambassador to Israel's Chief of Mission authority.

Joining Johnson and Hagerty were Sens. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Kevin

Cramer (R-N.D.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), James Inhofe (R-Okla.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Mike Lee (R-Utah), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Rand Paul (R-Ky.), James Risch (R-Idaho), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Pat Toomey (R-Pa.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), and Todd Young (R-Ind.).