

# **U.S. Sen. Johnson: Leads colleagues in pressing Biden administration on their failure to make early treatment options available to the American people**

Posted on Thursday, Oct 7, 2021

**>> WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

**WASHINGTON** — On Wednesday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) sent a letter with 21 of his GOP colleagues to Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Dr. Janet Woodcock, Acting Commissioner of Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The letter details how the Biden administration has not only ignored potential early treatments, but at times seem to have participated in an aggressive campaign against the use of specific early treatment options.

“Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, public health officials have not only ignored potential early treatments, but at times seem to have participated in an aggressive campaign against the use of specific early treatment options,” the members write. “Even though a basic tenet of medicine is: early detection allows for early treatment which produces better results; your agencies have overtly discouraged the use of cheap and widely-available early treatments like ivermectin in favor of expensive new drugs like Remdesivir (which costs more than \$3,000 per treatment). Despite the National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding a study examining the effectiveness of ivermectin as an early treatment for COVID-19, your agencies have already

demonstrated your strong bias against this and other potential early treatment drugs. The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) mocking of ivermectin, conflating a widely-available human drug that was the basis for Nobel prize winning research, with its veterinary version, has cast doubt over the integrity of this study's eventual results. We strongly believe you should explain to the American people why your agencies have failed to sufficiently examine and ensure access to a growing list of drugs being used by doctors who have had the courage to ignore NIH's ongoing compassionless guideline of doing virtually nothing until COVID-19 patients are so sick they require hospitalization."

The senator previously held two Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs hearings on early treatment in [November](#) and [December](#) of 2020.

Joining Johnson are Sens. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Mike Lee (R-Utah), and Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Reps. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), Tom Tiffany (R-Wis.), Andy Harris (R-Md.), Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), Ralph Norman (R-S.C.), Randy Weber (R-Texas), Scott Perry (R-Pa.), Warren Davidson (R-Ohio), Andrew Clyde (R-Ga.), Bill Posey (R-Fla.), Bob Good (R-Va.), Chip Roy (R-Texas), Jody Hice (R-Ga.), Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.), Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), Mary Miller (R-Ill.), Louie Gohmert (R-Texas), and Clay Higgins (R-La.).

The full text of the letter can be found [here](#).