

WisDems: Ron Johnson's failures: Ron Johnson changed the 2017 tax bill in way that benefitted himself and his biggest donors

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MADISON, Wis. — Ron Johnson's biggest payday wasn't when he was handed a thriving business by his father in law — it was when he used his power as a United States Senator to change the 2017 GOP Tax Scam bill in a way that benefitted himself and his biggest donors.

- [Documents show that Johnson's changes to the legislation reaped his two biggest campaign donors](#) — the Uhiliens and Diane Hendricks — \$215 million in tax breaks in a single year, and could payout up to nearly half a billion dollars.
 - The two donors donated a combined \$20 million to Johnson's re-election efforts in 2016.
- Previous reporting also shows [the value of Johnson's company exploded](#) once he secured these changes and the bill was passed into law. Johnson has defended his self enriching tax schemes by arguing that the top 1% "[already pay their fair share.](#)"

"Ron Johnson has made it his number one priority in Washington to enrich himself and his biggest donors, failing to do his job to deliver hard working Wisconsinites," said **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Senate Communications Advisor Philip Shulman.**