

# American Bridge: “Sure!” Ron Johnson admits he benefited from GOP tax law changes he pushed

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Wisconsin U.S. Sen. **Ron Johnson is coming clean to finally admit that his company benefited from 2017 GOP tax law changes that he aggressively pushed.**

In Friday remarks [first reported](#) by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Monday, Johnson [said](#), **“Did my business benefit [under the 2017 GOP tax law]? Sure! Did some of my donors’ businesses? Sure!”**

Last August, ProPublica reporting [shed light on Johnson’s lobbying efforts](#) to change the law to benefit his biggest campaign backers — an effort [Johnson has](#) since defended.

But **these new remarks constitute the most definitive admission to-date that Johnson and his own company benefited from the tax law changes he advocated for** — a direct confirmation of [prior reporting](#) (and [contemporaneous 2017 speculation](#)) to that effect.

And, importantly, as television anchors across Wisconsin have [noted](#), **Johnson’s admission “affirms a line of attack being made against him in his reelection bid.”**

That line of attack was further bolstered by Johnson on Friday [once again confirming](#) that **he has “doubled” his “wealth” since joining the Senate in 2011: “that’s true.”** Johnson previously [complained in February](#) that he’s “only doubled” his net worth since joining Congress.

**What Wisconsinites are reading and seeing about Johnson's latest GOP tax law admission:**

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [Ron Johnson says his Oshkosh firm and many others benefited from 2017 business tax cut he championed](#)

Associated Press: [Johnson acknowledges his company, others benefited from law](#)

WLUK-TV (FOX Green Bay): ["Johnson admits his... company benefited from a key provision in the tax law..."](#)

WQOW-TV (ABC Eau Claire): ["Johnson told backers at a recent event... that his company benefited from a key provision he pushed for in President Trump's tax bill in 2017. That affirms a line of attack being made against him in his reelection bid."](#)

WJFW-TV (NBC Rhinelander-Wausau): ["His plastics company benefited from a key provision he pushed for in President Donald Trump's tax bill in 2017, affirming a line of attack being made against him in his reelection bid."](#)

WSAW-TV (CBS Wausau): ["Ron Johnson now admits he did benefit from a tax provision in former President Donald Trump's tax bill..."](#)

**You may recall these related headlines from August:**

Associated Press: [Report: Johnson pushed for tax break benefitting megadonors](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [Ron Johnson defends pass-through tax provision as Democrats accuse him of doing the bidding of his top donors](#)

**And here's what else Johnson has been up to over the past 18 months, as his favorability rating has plummeted:**

Washington Post: [Sen. Ron Johnson says Obamacare should be repealed if GOP wins power back](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [Sen. Ron Johnson backs outsourcing, says it's better to have products made 'dirt cheap' overseas](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: ["It's not like we don't have enough jobs here in Wisconsin": Ron Johnson won't try to land Oshkosh Corp. postal vehicle work](#)

RawStory: [LISTEN: GOP's Ron Johnson complains that he's 'only' doubled his net worth since taking office](#)

WKOW-TV: ['I'm happy to defend this': Johnson stands by opposition to child care aid](#)

Heartland Signal: [Ron Johnson: Social Security is a Ponzi scheme \(2021 Edition\)](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [Tammy Baldwin is a yes, Ron Johnson a no on \\$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package](#)

Wisconsin State Journal: [Sen. Ron Johnson pledges to set up roadblocks for \\$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill](#)

CNN: [GOP Sen. Ron Johnson mouths to GOP luncheon that climate change is 'bullsh\\*t'](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [Bice: Multimillionaire U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson paid a mere \\$2,105 in state income taxes in 2017, despite making big bucks](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: ['You are not a horse. You are not a cow': FDA issues blunt warning on taking ivermectin, drug promoted by Ron Johnson to treat COVID-19](#)

CNN: [Ron Johnson said last fall that undermining the Covid vaccine "will cause people's deaths." Now he spreads anti-vaccine misinformation](#)