

# Barnes campaign: Ex-GOP voters blast Ron Johnson after campaign hires lawyer who tried to hand over fake electors on January 6

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**MADISON, WI** — After [NBC News reported yesterday](#) that Ron Johnson's campaign is currently retaining an attorney who tried to overturn the 2020 election results, two former Republican voters and current constituents of Johnson joined Mandela Barnes for Wisconsin in slamming Johnson for his role in the insurrection.

On a press call today, Ashland city councilman Eric Lindell and Peter Sherrill of Kolberg—both former Republican voters who have left the GOP—blasted Ron Johnson for hiring the lawyer who attempted to get “fake electors” to former Vice President Mike Pence on January 6th and called Johnson out for repeatedly downplaying the violence during the attack on the U.S. Capitol that injured 140 law enforcement officers.

“Seeing the way Ron Johnson has conducted himself, especially when it comes to the Jan 6th insurrection, is a perfect example of how extreme, out of touch, and frankly dangerous today's Wisconsin GOP has become,” **said Eric Lindell**. “Despite what he might say, Ron Johnson is complicit in the efforts to overturn the will of Wisconsin voters like me—and that's disqualifying. [...] As a Wisconsinite, as someone who proudly voted Republican, and as an elected official myself, I simply cannot trust Ron Johnson to uphold the U.S. Constitution and defend our democracy.”

“I'm deeply disappointed that Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson played a key role in trying to overturn not only the will of Wisconsin voters but of the United States. On

that day, [Johnson] was complicit in the attempts to deliver a slate of fake electors to Vice President Mike Pence,” **said Peter Sherrill**. “Mandela Barnes is an honest and integrity-driven man who will defend the constitution and support our nation. He stands up for the voters of Wisconsin, and I believe he will be a marvelous U.S. senator.”

You can listen to the audio recording of the press call [here](#).