

# **Barnes campaign: FACT CHECK - Unlike Ron Johnson, Mandela Barnes will deliver for working families, not big corporations**

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In an effort to distract from Ron Johnson's long record of delivering only for his special interest donors, a Super PAC funded by those very same donors, Wisconsin Truth PAC, is now falsely attacking Lt. Governor Barnes for his plan to cut taxes on the middle class while ensuring big corporations pay their fair share.

"Mandela knows that Wisconsinites don't want handouts, they just want a fair shot — and they'll never get that with Ron Johnson in the Senate," said **Maddy McDaniel, communications director for Mandela Barnes for Wisconsin.** "Johnson has rigged the system for his wealthiest donors, while working families have paid the price. That's why Mandela wants to fix our tax system so middle class families get the tax cuts they deserve, and pay for it by making sure big corporations and the wealthiest among us — like Ron Johnson's wealthy donors — pay their fair share in taxes."

**FACT: Mandela Barnes Wants to Cut Taxes on the Middle Class — And Pay for it By Ensuring the Wealthy and Corporations Pay Their Fair Share**

- **Mandela Barnes: "I Know What It's Like To Struggle To Pay The Bills And Wonder How You'll Make Ends Meet. That's Why I'm Calling On Congress To Pass A Middle Class Tax Cut To Put Money Back In People's Pockets And Give Working Folks A Fair Shot."** [Business Insider, [6/15/22](#)]

- **Business Insider: “Barnes Would Push For An Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit And The Earned Income Tax Credit If He Were To Serve In The Upper Chamber.”** [Business Insider, [6/15/22](#)]
- **Mandela Barnes Ensured That Middle Class Tax Cuts Will Be Paid For By “The Wealthiest Among Us.”** [Mandela Barnes for Wisconsin, [5/26/22](#)]

### **FACT: Ron Johnson Supported a Tax Plan that Benefits his Wealthiest Donors While Burdening Working Families**

- **Politifact Rated It True That “The Pass-Through Tax Break Johnson Advocated For In 2017 Overwhelmingly Benefited The Wealthiest, Over Small Businesses.”** [Politifact, [6/7/22](#)]
- **HEADLINE: Report: Johnson Pushed For Tax Break Benefitting Megadonors.** [Associated Press, [8/11/21](#)]
- **In 2017, Johnson Blocked The Trump Tax Plan Until The Bill Included Sweetened Tax Breaks For Pass-Through Companies.** [ProPublica, [8/11/21](#)]
- **Johnson Switched From An Opponent Of The Bill To A Supporter After Getting The More Generous Tax Cuts.** [Associated Press, [8/11/21](#)]
- **Confidential Tax Records Showed That Johnson’s Last Minute Push For Greater Tax Benefits For Pass-Through Companies Netted Two Families Who Were Among Johnson’s Biggest Donors \$215 Million In Deductions In 2018 Alone.** [ProPublica, [8/11/21](#)]
- **Johnson Conceded That He Personally Benefited From The Tax Provision He Added Into The Republican Tax Plan, As Did Several Of His Top Donors.** [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [4/11/22](#)]