

Barnes campaign: Mandela Barnes slams Ron Johnson for opposing plan to protect Wisconsin communities & support law enforcement

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MADISON — This week, after spending his entire campaign claiming to support law enforcement, Ron Johnson [opposed](#) a plan to recruit and train 100,000 new officers and keep Wisconsin communities safe.

In response, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate released the following statement.

“Ron Johnson wants to talk a big game about keeping communities safe and supporting law enforcement but when push comes to shove, he’s playing politics with Wisconsinites’ safety. His hypocrisy is disqualifying.”

This isn’t the first time Johnson has refused to support funding for law enforcement:

- **Senator Ron Johnson Voted Against The American Rescue Plan Act. [CQ, [3/6/21](#); Vote 110, H. R. 1319, [3/6/21](#)]**
 - **The Evers-Barnes Administration Used American Rescue Plan Funds To Allocate \$56 Million In Federal Funds To Address Public Safety, Including Nearly \$19 Million For Local Police Departments. [Wisconsin Public Radio, [3/15/22](#)]**

- **Johnson Voted To Advance FY 2013 Toomey Budget Plan that Experts Said Would Endanger Law Enforcement [CQ, [5/16/12](#); S.Con.Res. 37, Vote 99, [5/16/12](#)]**
 - **Johnson Supported Toomey's Budget Proposal, Calling It "Serious," Because "The First Step Should Be To Establish Hard Spending Caps To Instill Fiscal Discipline, And To Force Washington To Prioritize Spending." [Office of Sen. Ron Johnson, Press Release, [5/10/11](#)]**
 - **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: Toomey Budget Would Endanger Important Programs Such As "Law Enforcement, Veterans' Health Care, Education." [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [5/6/12](#)]**