

Barnes campaign: Mandela Barnes slams Ron Johnson for threats on social security in Oshkosh

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MADISON — Yesterday, Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate joined Oshkosh seniors for a rally slamming Ron Johnson for his threats against Social Security. Mandela, joined by Michael Bolton, a retired USW labor leader, spoke to a crowd whose livelihood is dependent on Social Security, emphasizing Johnson’s out-of-touch and self-serving agenda.

“So let me tell Senator Johnson this – for those of us living in reality and who weren’t handed a thriving business from their father in law, we need Social Security and Medicare, and you wanting to cut and gamble our well being is a dereliction of your duty as a Senator.” said **Michael Bolton** said [during the event.](#)

“We’re fighting to protect our hard earned benefits, the ones that our parents and grandparents have spent their entire lives paying into, “ said **Mandela Barnes.** “The ones that will allow every Wisconsinite to retire without worrying about putting food on the table or having to work beyond the retirement age.”

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Mandela also traveled to Appleton to meet with supporters and community members. He first stopped at a local Appleton brewery, speaking with Wisconsinites about the issues that concerned them the most, including Ron Johnson’s [recent attacks on Social Security.](#)



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- **“We’re going to remind people that nobody is going to be left behind,”** said Barnes to the crowd. “People like Ron Johnson, they’ve had their day. It’s our time now.”
- **Barnes also highlighted that he comes from the working class, which has been a staple point throughout his campaigning efforts.**
- “It doesn’t matter where you’re from,” added Barnes. **“We have so much more in common than out-of-touch, self-serving millionaire politicians like Ron Johnson, and people like him do not get to write the rules because he does not understand what life is like for us.”**