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Opportunity Wisconsin: Critical tax relief Senator Johnson should actually support: Child tax credit

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MADISON, Wis.—Today, on the one year anniversary of the first expanded Child Tax Credit payment, Opportunity Wisconsin released the third in a series of new videos highlighting how U.S. Senator Ron Johnson's 'crowning achievement' in the Trump tax law not only benefited his family's business but also disproportionately benefits the wealthy at the expense of working Wisconsinites. Today's video also highlights the expanded Child Tax Credit, critical tax relief included in President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan. The provision reduced child poverty by 40% in America, benefitting 1.1 million children in Wisconsin. Senator Johnson voted against the expanded Child Tax Credit and other lifesaving provisions of the American Rescue Plan.

The video series features Wisconsin small business owner Melissa Buchholz and Seth Hanlon, a tax policy expert with the Center for American Progress. With the new videos, Opportunity Wisconsin is continuing their call for Senator Johnson to stop putting politics over the people of the Badger State and start voting for policies that support Wisconsin workers and families.

Full Video Script:

MELISSA*: Lawmakers want to say that they're doing things to help small businesses. There are a few things that have supported us. And those things Ron Johnson tends to vote against. Something as simple as the child tax credit was immensely helpful. It immediately gave our working parents the ability to continue going to work.*

SETH*: Senator Ron Johnson voted against critical tax relief for working families*

when they needed it most. The Child Tax Credit allowed millions of families to afford child care so that they can continue to work and earn a living while raising their families. It reduced child poverty by about 40%, benefiting 1.1 million children in Wisconsin.

MELISSA*: Senator Johnson is out of touch with what life is like for the rest of us here in Wisconsin. I don't see that he goes to work every day, committed to working for people like those in my community. Our government should work for us.*

Since early 2021, Opportunity Wisconsin has been working to hold Senator Johnson accountable to his constituents and to demand he vote for policies that support Wisconsin residents. In addition to holding conversations with Wisconsin workers and families across the Badger State, Opportunity Wisconsin has spent over $5 million in TV ads urging Senator Johnson to focus his work in Washington on addressing the economic needs of his constituents and to stop putting his personal profits over the people of Wisconsin.