

WisDems: In response to Ron Johnson's re-election announcement, Wisconsin Labor Groups call out the Senator for abandoning farmers, health care workers, laborers

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MADISON, Wis. – In response to Senator Ron Johnson breaking his pledge to only serve two terms by announcing his re-election campaign, leading labor groups from across Wisconsin to blast Johnson for betraying their workers.

See what leaders from the agriculture, health care, and labor sector had to say:

Darin Von Ruden, President of the Wisconsin Farmers Union: “During more than a decade in D.C., Ron Johnson has repeatedly failed to stand up for Wisconsin farmers. Instead Johnson has used his time in office to pass massive tax breaks for himself and his biggest donors, sided with China and agri-business over the family and mid-sized farms across our state, and tried to block needed infrastructure investment that would help farmers grow their business and get our products to market. We know farming is the lifeblood of so many local communities across our state, and Ron Johnson has proven time and time again that his priority is looking out for himself and his wealthy donors at our expense.”

Jaime Lucas, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Care Professionals: Ron Johnson has spent his career trying to increase health care costs for Wisconsinites, take away critical protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and now – in the middle of a global pandemic – he has done everything he can to undermine our efforts to get COVID under control. Ron Johnson is putting

health care professionals in great peril with his dangerous rhetoric. With health care on the ballot in 2022, we're committed to ensuring that Ron Johnson is defeated so people across the state can access the essential health care they deserve.

Stephanie Bloomingdale, President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO: "Senator Ron Johnson is deeply out of touch with the people of Wisconsin. From voting against good union jobs by voting against the transformational bipartisan infrastructure deal, to delaying needed support for working families throughout the pandemic, and failing to support working people by refusing to support the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, Senator Ron Johnson has continually and without fail put his extreme political interests ahead of what is best for Wisconsin. Wisconsin's working people are committed to ensuring all people across our state have strong economic opportunity with good and safe jobs, access to high-quality affordable healthcare, and a healthier democracy. That means mobilizing to defeat Senator Ron Johnson at the ballot box next November."

Johnson previously [voted against the bipartisan infrastructure bill](#), COVID relief funding, [rewarded companies for outsourcing jobs](#), was the [deciding vote on the 2017 GOP Tax Scam bill](#), has [spread dangerous COVID disinformation](#) that is prolonging the pandemic, and [has continuously tried to repeal the Affordable Care Act](#).