

WisDems: Ron Johnson announces re-election campaign

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Johnson Starts Campaign by Breaking Pledge that He'd Only Serve Two Terms

MADISON, Wis. — In response to Ron Johnson kicking off his re-election campaign by breaking his pledge to only serve two terms, Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler released the following statement:

“Ron Johnson has been in the Senate looking out for himself at the expense of Wisconsinites and failing to do the job he was elected to do, and it’s time to face the consequences. Whether he was manipulating the GOP tax scam bill to enrich himself and his biggest political donors, trying drive up health care costs and rip away protections for pre-existing conditions, or failing to crack down on China’s illicit economic practices and companies that outsource our jobs, Johnson has proven over and over again he’s only ever focused on serving himself. In 2022, Wisconsinites will hold Ron Johnson accountable and elect another Democratic senator who will put the interests of our state’s working families first.”

Here’s what to know about self-serving Senator Ron Johnson:

- Wisconsin Editorial Boards Have Condemned Johnson As a “[Crook](#),” “[Unfit To Represent Wisconsin](#),” “[The Most Irresponsible Representative Of Wisconsin Citizens Since The Infamous Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy](#),” and called out his “[backroom dealings](#).”
- Johnson Is Corrupt: He Voted For A Law That Enriched Himself And His Political Donors. [Johnson personally changed the 2017 tax law](#) that gave two of his largest political donors a tax handout and benefited his own company. [The](#)

[Associated Press](#) wrote that “Johnson...pushed for a tax break in 2017 resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in deductions to megadonors who funded his campaigns” and [The Guardian](#) wrote that he “personally benefited from a change in tax law that he sought.” Johnson’s own net worth has [roughly doubled](#) since taking office.

- [“Multimillionaire U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson Paid A Mere \\$2,105 In State Income Taxes In 2017, Despite Making Big Bucks.”](#) The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel revealed that Johnson, a multi-millionaire, paid [“a mere \\$2,105 in state income taxes in 2017.”](#) Johnson has so far refused to provide any further explanation or release his tax returns.
- When He’s Not Looking Out For Himself, Johnson Votes Against Wisconsin. Johnson [admitted he did not read](#) the infrastructure bill before voting against it, he championed efforts to [repeal protections for pre-existing conditions](#) and spike health care costs, voted for the GOP tax bill that [rewarded companies that outsource jobs](#) and [“fought as hard as he could”](#) against a bill cracking down on China’s illicit economic practices.
- Johnson Is [“The Republican Party’s Foremost Amplifier of Conspiracy Theories And Disinformation,”](#) Including Multiple Conspiracy Theories Regarding Coronavirus And The January 6th Insurrection. [CNN](#) fact-checkers wrote, “Johnson’s penchant for spreading false claims and misinformation shows no signs of stopping.”
- Johnson has also been a constant threat to democracy. He [tried to toss out the 2020 election results](#), claimed the insurrection at the capitol was a [“peaceful protest,”](#) and has supported legislation in Wisconsin [that would allow the Republican led state legislature to overturn election results.](#)