

# U.S. Sen. Johnson: In letter to President Biden: “We do not intend to vote for a debt-ceiling increase without structural reforms”

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**WASHINGTON** – On Friday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) joined U.S. Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) and 22 of their Republican conference colleagues in a letter to President Biden expressing opposition to a debt-ceiling hike without real structural spending reform that reduces deficit spending. The signatories expressed their intention to abide by the policy of the Senate Republican conference, which states “any increase in the debt ceiling must be accompanied by cuts in federal spending of an equal or greater amount as the debt ceiling increase, or meaningful structural reform in spending, such as the Prevent Government Shutdown Act or the Full Faith and Credit Act.”

**The letter reads in part,** “Americans are keenly aware that their government is not only failing to work for them – but actively working against them. We do not intend to vote for a debt-ceiling increase without structural reforms to address current and future fiscal realities and manage out-of-control government policies.”

Sens. Johnson and Lee were joined on the letter by Senators Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), James Risch (R-Idaho), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Katie Britt (R-N.C.) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.).

The full text of the letter can be found [here](#).