

# U.S. Sen. Johnson: Joins colleagues in calling for a meeting of the Conference to discuss border security negotiations

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**WASHINGTON** – On Sunday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) joined 14 of his Senate GOP colleagues in sending a letter to Conference Chair John Barrasso, M.D. (R-Wyo.) requesting a meeting of the Conference the week of January 8, 2024 to discuss the negotiations with President Biden and Senate Democrats regarding border security.

Sen. Johnson was joined on this letter by Senators Mike Lee (R-Utah), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Jim Risch (R-Idaho.), Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kan.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.).

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

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The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Senate Republican Conference

Dear Senator Barrasso:

We write to request that you call a meeting of the Conference to discuss Senate negotiations on securing the border. Rushed and secret negotiations with

Democrats who want an open border and who caused the current crisis will not secure the border. The American public deserves an open and transparent process which cannot occur until the House returns the week of January 8, 2024. Accordingly, we request this Conference be held the week of January 8th, but not before.