

WisDems: DPW chair on Senator Johnson vote against DHS nominee

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Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler released the following statement after Senator Ron Johnson voted against President Biden's nominee for Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas:

"It's fitting that Senator Johnson's last act as chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee was to try and block a key national security post. **Mayorkas is not only eminently qualified, endorsed by four former DHS Secretaries, and previously confirmed by the Senate, but Johnson's own former staff secretary urged him to support the nominee.** This nay vote is indefensible.

"In his role as a Senate Committee Chair, Ron Johnson has actively abetted atrocious policies like family separation that violated human rights, undermined our nation's core values, and left us more isolated and less safe in the world. Then Johnson threatened to hold national security hostage in order to prevent Trump's impeachment trial. Now, in voting against Mayorkas—the first Latino and first immigrant nominated to be secretary of DHS—he **has underscored his refusal to help fix what he helped to break in our government.**

"Johnson's tenure in the Senate has been dogged by rank partisanship and cowardice, and **he has proven time and again that there is nothing he won't do or sacrifice in order to win cheap political points.** Voting against Mayorkas is yet more proof that Senator Johnson should resign now – or be held accountable by the people of Wisconsin."