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Lasry Calls for Passage of Democracy Technology Partnership Act Bipartisan bill will help coordinate technology across democratic countries

Milwaukee - Alex Lasry, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, praised and called for passage of the Democracy Technology Partnership Act that has been introduced by a bipartisan coalition of United States Senators.

"As we work to create quality jobs, the United States must partner with other democracies around the world to ensure that we maintain and protect our critical edge in the technologies that will dominate the next century," said Alex Lasry. "We cannot allow China to dominate and impose their versions of the next generation of technology advancements on the world. We must ensure that we, and other like minded democracies, can compete and counter China and other authoritarian regimes' expansion plans."

The Democracy Technology Partnership Act will establish an International Technology Partnership (ITP) for setting policies and standards, conducting joint research, coordinating export controls and investment screening of critical technologies like 5G, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, as well as other emerging technologies.

"For four years, we have seen the folly of a United States 'go it alone' strategy that allowed for China and other countries to rapidly expand their technological footprint through heavily subsidizing their own companies, making massive foreign incentives, putting pressure on international standards-setting bodies, creating unfair restrictions on foreign companies, and wide-spread intellectual property theft," said Lasry. "The United States must once again reestablish leadership with our allies to support the development and adoption of critical technologies that are more advanced and secure."

The bipartisan bill's sponsors include Sens. Mark Warner, D-Va.; Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.; Todd Young, R-Ind.; John Cornyn, R-Texas; Ben Sasse, R-Neb.; Marco Rubio, R-Fla.; and Michael Bennet, D-Colo.

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"It's no surprise that when you see bipartisan legislation that is critical for our national security, you don't see Senator Ron Johnson's name associated with it," said Lasry. "Whether it is going on Fox News to promote his latest crazy conspiracy theory, or voting against COVID relief, or ignoring the critical security issues of the United States, unfortunately, we all know that Ron Johnson is always going to do the wrong thing for Wisconsin."

The Democratic Primary Election for the United States Senate will be held Tuesday, August 9th, 2022. For more information about Alex Lasry and his campaign, visit www.alexlasry.com.

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