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"It's time to unrig the system" - State Sen. Chris Larson (D-Milwaukee) announces campaign for U.S. Senate

Milwaukee, WI – Pledging to unrig an economic and political system that favors the super-rich and large corporations over hard-working Wisconsin families, State Sen. Chris Larson announced his candidacy for United States Senate. In an <u>announcement video</u> released by the campaign, Sen. Larson sets himself apart from the Democratic Primary field by championing bold progressive policies, including Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, and ensuring the super-rich and large corporations pay their fair share in taxes.

In stark contrast to incumbent Ron Johnson, the 6th-richest United States Senator, Chris Larson is a middle-class husband and father who has spent the past decade in public office fighting for the interests of workers and their communities. As part of the "Wisconsin 14" in 2011, Larson fled the state in a brave attempt to block passage of Act 10, the infamous assault on public sector unions pushed by former Governor Scott Walker. Since then, he has been a champion on the issues of public education, healthcare, campaign finance reform, gun safety, drunk driving reform, and green energy.

"Everyone, no matter their ZIP code, deserves a fair shot at the American Dream," Larson said.

"As your neighbor, I'm asking you to join me in standing up to the bullies in Washington and Wall Street, so we can write the next chapter of our American history together."

Larson is a former Milwaukee County Supervisor and current 3-term State Senator from Milwaukee. A lifelong Wisconsinite, he first joined the legislature in 2010 after beating entrenched incumbent Jeff Plale for the 7th District seat. He previously served as Senate Democratic Leader, and is currently ranking member of the Education and Universities and Technical Colleges committees.

Chris lives in the Bay View neighborhood with his wife Jessica, their two children Atticus and Stella, and dog Donut. An avid runner, he has completed Wisconsin's Ironman Triathlon and is currently 22 states into his goal of running a marathon in all 50 states.



Leading Larson's campaign is Justin Bielinski, who previously served in the same role for Wisconsin's current Lieutenant Governor in the 2018 cycle. Serving as Treasurer is Dr. Pam Malone, newly-retired college professor and co-founder of Milwaukee's long-running "Community Brainstorming Conference."
