

4 Questions for Sen. Johnson

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As He Launches His Campaign from PACUR, he's not just the Koch Brothers model Senator.

MADISON - Ron Johnson really wants you to know that he's not just the Koch Brothers model Senator. He's also a high-paid former CEO.

We're assuming the Koch Brothers couldn't come to his campaign kickoff, so he decided to announce at the HQ of his old employer PACUR – named for the company founder Pat Curler. Johnson has long been an advocate for the downtrodden CEO's and billionaires of America, and we're lending him a hand in sharing his record with the people of Wisconsin.

Sen. Johnson, a regular critic of government programs like student loans and social security, gleefully embraced government subsidies when it benefitted his in-laws company.

And in a smooth business move, the Senator conveniently took home \$10 million in deferred compensation after loaning himself \$9 million for his 2010 campaign. Like any Washington insider, Johnson knows how to make sure the system works for insiders like him.

So as he announces his re-election campaign from the very company his in-laws founded, here are 4 questions that Wisconsinites deserve answers for from Sen. Johnson:

1. Why did you pay yourself \$10 million in [deferred compensation from PACUR](#) following your campaign?
2. Is it coincidence that number of so close to the \$9 Million you loaned yourself in the 2010 campaign?
3. Can you provide copies of the disclosures you allegedly made to the FEC, IRS and Wisconsin Department of Revenue that prove your story about the compensation?
4. Why did your company accept millions in subsidies and assistance from the government? Considering your strong opposition to big government, do you feel remorse for relying on government support?

“Ron Johnson's reelection campaign launch at PACUR helps shine a light on his out of touch record in Washington and his long history of gaming the system for insiders like himself. As a corporate CEO, Johnson arranged a \$10 million golden parachute before leaving for

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Washington," Russ Feingold spokesperson Harry Hartfield said on Sunday. "Now he's returning the favor, fighting for the interests of his fellow millionaires and billionaires at the expense of the middle class. Wisconsinites can't rely on a \$10 million dollar gift from their brother-in-laws company and need a Senator who will fight for them."