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WISCONSIN - Touting his manufacturing credentials from a factory in Oshkosh, Senator Ron Johnson launched his re-election campaign with a week-long tour of Wisconsin. However, Senator Johnson remained silent on the biggest threat to Wisconsin's remaining manufacturing jobs, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Sen. Johnson previously supported fast-track authority for the TPP, and has taken a number of other votes that side with the CEOs of multinational corporations over Wisconsin workers.

The route of Johnson's campaign tour illustrates the devastation that has been wrought by trade policies which stack the deck against Wisconsin workers. The cities Senator Johnson will visit this week have seen as many as one-third of their manufacturing jobs leave since 2000.

"No matter how much Ron Johnson trumpets manufacturing, his failure to oppose rigged trade deals that enable the outsourcing of Wisconsin jobs speaks volumes about whose side he is really on," said Robert Kraig, Executive Director of Citizen Action of Wisconsin. "We need Senators who will fight to end the economic treason against working families, and begin to build an economy that expands opportunity for everyone in America."

Table 1: Manufacturing Jobs and Establishments lost since 2000 For Counties Visited in Johnson Campaign Announcement Tour

Change in Manufacturing Jobs, 2000-2015

Percent Change in Manufacturing Jobs, 2000-2015

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Change in Manufacturing Establishments, 2000-2015

**Brown County** 

-3,953 jobs

-13.4%

-2 establishments

Dane County

-6,775

-22.0%

-111

**Douglas County** 

+104

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+8.3%

-4

Eau Claire County

-197

-3.6%

-18

Fond du Lac County

-3,519

-24.7%

-8

Forest County

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-117

-27.3%

-5

La Crosse County

-2,546

-24.8%

-21

Milwaukee County

-28,645

-35.3%

-518

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Oneida County -412 -21.3% -10 **Racine County** -5,333 -22.6% -88 St. Croix County -980 -12.8%

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+3

Waukesha County

-10,687

-19.6%

-205

Winnebago County

-8,169

-26.6%

+6

Marathon County

-2,962

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-15.6%

+12

Source: <u>Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development</u>. September 2000 to September 2015, most recent source of the data.