

As More Senators Take Garland Nomination Seriously, Johnson Remains in Lockstep with Obstructionist Fringe.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Yesterday news broke that Republican Sens. Ayotte, Portman, Murkowski, and Flake are all set to meet with Judge **Merrick Garland** next week. After meeting with Garland, Republican Sen. Susan Collins is now "more convinced than ever" that Garland should get a hearing.



And today at lunch, Sen. Mark Kirk was spotted handing out memos to his Republican colleagues encouraging them to meet with Garland.

But despite the majority of Wisconsinites who want the Senate to do its job and hold hearings, Sen. Ron Johnson remains in lockstep behind the Koch brothers and the Republican lobbyists who have spent millions to obstruct the nomination process and Mitch McConnell who just yesterday said, "I think it's safe to say that there will not be hearings or votes."

Johnson himself was the first to admit that his obstruction is entirely due to partisan politics. But the Supreme Court should be a cause beyond politics. Even some Senate Republicans now seem to understand that. Unfortunately, Ron Johnson is not one of them.

Washington Post: GOP senator 'more convinced than ever' that Garland should get hearing

Wall Street Journal: Sen. Collins Urges Republican Colleagues to Meet With Supreme Court Nominee Garland

Politico: Kirk rips 'closed-minded' GOP on Garland nomination

The Hill: Portman to meet Supreme Court nominee

NBC: Supreme Court Fight: Quarter of Republican Senators Now Back Meetings for

Merrick Garland

Roll Call: **Another GOP Senator, Kelly Ayotte, to Meet with Obama Court Nominee**

Chicago Tribune: **GOP senator meets with Garland, says hearings should be held**

New York Times: **Merrick Garland to Meet With More Republicans**