

WI Senate Candidates Only Agree on One Major Tech Issue

Investment and Regulation of Technology

Technology Stances	Promote STEM Education?	Support Net Neutrality?	Expand Broadband Access?
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Ron Johnson
Incumbent

- In a 2013 hearing to reauthorize the America COMPETES Act, which is in charge of several research and education programs of several large science organization, Johnson was the only dissenting voice, stating that the priority was to manage US debt first
- Lamented the recent DC Circuit Court decision upholding net neutrality, stating that “investment will continue to slow and innovation will law, as businesses respond to this silent killer of economic opportunity.”
- Was part of a letter to FCC Chairman Wheeler calling for the update of rules to ensure the affordable access to broadband services in rural areas in America



Russ Feingold
Former Senator of Wisconsin

- In a letter to then-President George W. Bush, Feingold urged the president to consider investment in the science and technology areas when forming the yearly budget and policy initiatives, stressing the getting students engaged with math and science at an early age.
- Has stated his belief in turning broadband Internet into a public utility.
- Stated that Wisconsin must invest in its digital infrastructure to guarantee high-speed broadband for all, including equal quality access in rural areas as in bigger cities.



Sources: RussFeingold.com; VoteSmart.org; hsgas.senate.gov; Jeffrey Mervis, U.S. Senate Hearing on COMPETES Act Starts a Long, Tough Road to Reauthorization, Science, November 7, 2013 ; commerce.senate.gov.