

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Statement on the Death of Former Senator Timothy P. Johnson
October 10, 2024

Tim Johnson served the people of South Dakota with distinction, and it was an honor to serve alongside him in the United States Senate for over a decade.

He always put South Dakotans first, and he never forgot where he came from. He worked tirelessly to bring clean drinking water to Americans wherever they lived: rural towns, inner cities, and Tribal lands. And he steered critical investments toward Indian Country and to South Dakota's development and infrastructure.

As a Senator, Tim improved access to health care for millions of Americans by providing a critical vote on the Affordable Care Act, advocating for veterans health care funding, and fighting to expand Medicaid in South Dakota.

We also worked together to establish the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, to defend the backbone of our economy: hard-working Americans.

Over the years, Jill and I got to know Tim and Barb as true friends. Our hearts are with Barb, his three children, his eight grandchildren, and the people of South Dakota, whose lives Tim touched.

May God bless Tim Johnson.

NOTE: The statement referred to Brooks and Brendan Johnson and Kelsey Billion, children, and Arijus, Aureja, Trualem, Penn, Sutton, and Cooper Johnson and Jay and Tom Billion, grandchildren, of former Sen. Johnson.

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