

BARNES'S MOM WAS A TEACHER AND HIS DAD WORKED THE THIRD SHIFT AT AN AUTO PLANT. HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT WORKING FAMILIES ARE UP AGAINST WHICH IS WHY HE WILL FIGHT FOR A MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT.

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Barnes' Mother, LaJuan, Was A Milwaukee Public Schools Teacher, And His Father, Jesse, Worked At The General Motors Plant In Oak Creek; Both Were Active Union Members. “Barnes was born at Mount Sinai hospital near Downtown in 1986 and is named after South African political revolutionary Nelson Mandela. Barnes' mother, LaJuan, was a Milwaukee Public Schools teacher, and his father, Jesse, worked at the General Motors plant in Oak Creek. Both were active union members.” [Milwaukee Magazine, [8/27/19](#)]

- **Barnes: “My Dad Worked On An Assembly Line Third Shift For 30 Years.”** “I come from a working class household,” said Barnes in an interview with Wisconsin Public Radio. ‘My mother was a public school teacher for 30 years. My dad worked on an assembly line third shift for 30 years.’ [Wisconsin Public Radio, [8/04/22](#)]

BARNES WILL FIGHT FOR A MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT

Barnes' Website: “Mandela Will Give The Middle Class A Tax Cut. He'll Expand The Child Tax Credit, The Earned Income Tax Credit, And Other Tax Cuts So Middle Class Families Can Keep More Of What They Earn. Mandela Will Pay For It By Ensuring The Wealthiest Among Us Pay Their Fair Share.” “For too long, politicians like Ron Johnson have prioritized tax breaks for their wealthiest donors and big corporations. Mandela believes it's time we prioritized tax cuts for the middle class, not billionaires. In the Senate, he'll support a middle class tax cut and reverse the most harmful provisions of Ron Johnson's destructive tax plan that benefitted the top 1% and hurt small businesses and working people. Mandela will give the middle class a tax cut. He'll expand the Child Tax Credit, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and other tax cuts so middle class families can keep more of what they earn. Mandela will pay for it by ensuring the wealthiest among us pay their fair share — unlike Ron Johnson, whose greatest achievement in Washington was a tax bill that delivered more than \$200 million in tax breaks for some of his wealthiest donors alone, while leaving working people in the dust.” [Mandela Barnes for Wisconsin, accessed [8/2/22](#)]

BARNES WILL PUT AMERICAN WORKERS FIRST AND WORK TO UNDO THE OUTSOURCING THAT MADE WISCONSIN'S WORKERS, SMALL BUSINESSES AND FARMERS STRUGGLE WHILE BIG CORPORATIONS MADE RECORD PROFITS SHIPPING JOBS OVERSEAS.

BARNES WILL PUT AMERICAN WORKERS FIRST AND WORK TO UNDO OUTSOURCING

Barnes Said He Would “Fight To Renegotiate Old Deals And Only Back Trade Deals That Put Wisconsin Workers And Manufacturers First.” “Our current tax system rewards outsourcers and punishes American workers. Ron Johnson and politicians in Washington have handed out tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas while leaving workers in the dust. That's just wrong. We should be doing the opposite and rewarding small- and medium-sized businesses that employ American workers...Unfair trade deals like NAFTA are partially to blame for the economic setbacks that Wisconsin has faced. Mandela will fight to renegotiate old deals and only back trade deals that put Wisconsin workers and manufacturers first.” [Mandela Barnes for Wisconsin, accessed [9/01/22](#)]

OUTSOURCING AND TRADE RULES HARMED WISCONSIN WORKERS, SMALL BUSINESSES AND FARMERS

WORKERS

Almost 70,000 Wisconsin Jobs Have Been Sent Overseas Due To Bad Trade Deals. [Economic Policy Institute, [12/11/14](#)]

FARMERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

HEADLINE: U.S. Launches Second Trade Dispute Over Canada's Dairy Rules [Wisconsin State Farmer, [5/27/22](#)]

May 2022: U.S. Trade Officials Requested Dispute Settlement For A Second Time Under The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement To Address Dairy Restrictions Put In Place By Canada That Were Contrary To The Agreement. “United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai today announced that the United States is, for the second time, requesting dispute settlement consultations with Canada under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) to address dairy restrictions by Canada that are contrary to its USMCA commitments. Specifically, the United States is challenging Canada’s dairy tariff-rate quota (TRQ) allocation measures, which deny allocation access to eligible applicants, including retailers, food service operators, and other types of importers, and impose new conditions on the allocation and use of the TRQs. The United States is also challenging Canada’s failure to fully allocate its annual dairy TRQs. Canada is instead parceling out a few months’ quota at a time. Through these measures, Canada undermines the market access that it agreed to provide in the USMCA.” [USDA, [5/25/22](#)]

Tom Vilsack: “Canada Has Failed To Honor And Implement Its USMCA Commitments By Removing The Trade Restrictions That Disadvantage And Deter U.S. Dairy Producers And Exporters From Enjoying Real And Meaningful Access To The Canadian Market.” “Canada’s protectionist dairy policies are a top concern for the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Biden-Harris Administration,” Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said. ‘Canada has failed to honor and implement its USMCA commitments by removing the trade restrictions that disadvantage and deter U.S. dairy producers and exporters from enjoying real and meaningful access to the Canadian market. Obtaining that access remains a top priority for the Administration and we are considering all options available to achieve this objective.’ ” [USDA, [5/25/22](#)]

Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative: “Our Farmers Were Meant To See Major Opportunities Under USMCA – An Estimated 50 Percent Increase Annually In The Value Of Exports. Unfortunately, We’re Still Waiting.” “Brody Stapel, president of Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative, which has aggressively pushed for enforcement action since the first issue rose nearly a year ago, said Canada needs to hold up its end of the bargain. ‘Our farmers were meant to see major opportunities under USMCA – an estimated 50 percent increase annually in the value of exports. Unfortunately, we’re still waiting,’ said Stapel. ‘We can’t get the high quality cheese from our members here in the Midwest onto Canadian grocery store shelves.’” [Wisconsin State Farmer, [5/27/22](#)]

Dairy Farmers Hurt By Trade War As Exports Dropped 50%. “Exports of U.S. dairy products to China have dropped more than 50% because of the trade war. The U.S. is losing out at a time when Chinese consumers are eating more cheese and drinking more milk. [...] As NPR’s Jackie Northam reports, American farmers have been especially hard hit in the ongoing trade war, including dairy farmers.” [Wisconsin Public Radio, [8/3/19](#)].

Wausau Daily Herald: “Beyond Trade:’ Wisconsin Ginseng Farmers Feel Pain A Year Into Tariff War With China.” “Ginseng companies in the state, primarily in Marathon County, have already cut

expenses and could go out of business if the U.S. trade war with China continues much longer, local farmers said. [...] It's not just farmers and the agricultural businesses affected by the trade tensions with China, said Bradley Pfaff, secretary-designee at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Those tensions can cause harm at a local level too." Wausau Daily Herald, [\[6/27/22\]](#)

BIG CORPORATIONS MADE RECORD PROFITS WHILE SHIPPING JOBS OVERSEAS

The Guardian: "Though AT&T Is Earning Record Profits...It Has Continued To Lay Off Workers And Outsource Jobs." "The former customer support specialist is among the more than 16,000 people in the United States who have lost their jobs at the communications giant since 2011, as it continues to shut down call centers to consolidate facilities within the US, or in favor of offshore alternatives in countries such as India, the Philippines and Mexico. Though AT&T is earning record profits, spending billions on stock buybacks and is expecting an estimated windfall of \$20bn in savings from Donald Trump's tax reforms, it has continued to lay off workers and outsource jobs." [The Guardian, [8/28/18](#)]

- **Appleton, WI AT&T Worker: "They're Liquidating Us."** "Betsy LaFontaine, who has worked at an AT&T call center in Appleton, Wisconsin, for 30 years as a service representative said that over the past decade, her call center was downsized from 500 employees to fewer than 30 today. "They're liquidating us," said "This is not a poor company. On the shoulders of all its employees, we've made the company extremely profitable." [The Guardian, [8/28/18](#)]
- **Guardian: "They're Liquidating Us': AT&T Continues Layoffs And Outsourcing Despite Profits."** [The Guardian, [8/28/18](#)]

CORPORATE PROFITS SOURED WHILE OUTSOURCING CONTINUED

CNBC In 2018: "Corporate Profits Expected To Be Highest In Seven Years." "While investors worry about trade wars, inflation and interest rates, corporate America just keeps on making money. In fact, profits for the first quarter are expected to run at the highest rate in seven years as companies begin to reap the benefits of tax breaks, improving consumer confidence and a growing economy." [CNBC, [3/28/18](#)]

The Guardian In 2019: "Since Trump Took Office In January 2017, Nearly 200,000 Jobs Have Been Moved Overseas." "Promises to save US manufacturing and prevent American jobs moving abroad were a key part of Donald Trump's 2016 campaign. But since Trump took office in January 2017, nearly 200,000 jobs have been moved overseas, based on Trade Adjustment Assistance certified petitions." [The Guardian, [7/10/19](#)]

BARNES WILL BRING THE SUPPLY CHAIN BACK HOME TO TAKE ON INFLATION, LOWER COSTS, AND CREATE GOOD PAYING JOBS SO OUR ECONOMY ISN'T DEPENDENT ON GOODS FROM OVERSEAS.

Barnes Said He Would Work To Fix Supply Chain issues By Making Things At Home. "I believe that Wisconsin is an amazing place for empowered workers to make the products of the future and for young people to make a fulfilled, successful life. That's why I'm releasing my plan to breathe new life into manufacturing in Wisconsin, support communities and create new jobs, strengthen our communities, and improve quality of life so that the next generation can thrive in Wisconsin. As your next U.S. Senator I will...Fix supply chain issues by making things at home." [Mandela Barnes for Wisconsin, accessed [9/01/22](#)]