

Duffy says he'll pass on 2018 U.S. Senate bid

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U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Wausau, announced today he won't run for the U.S. Senate next year, saying it is not the right time.

"We have eight great kids and family always comes first," [Duffy said in a statement.](#)

Duffy was considered a top GOP candidate to take on U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, next year, and some Republicans were waiting on the congressman to make a decision before making a call on bids of their own.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, has said he would consider a run, but only if Duffy did not get into the race. Other possible candidates so far include: businessman and 2012 candidate Eric Hovde, state Rep. Dale Kooyenga, former Marine Kevin Nicholson and state Sen. Leah Vukmir.

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