

# **WisDems: Vukmir voted to raise taxpayer-funded benefits while opposing pay raise for working Wisconsinites**

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**Madison, WI** – Look no further for another example of how State Senator Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson are wrong for Wisconsin than failure to stand up for working families. While Vukmir has voted to raise her own taxpayer-funded benefits, she's voted against measures that would raise what working Wisconsinites earn. Meanwhile, Kevin Nicholson – who increasingly takes his cues from Washington special interest groups – is backed by one that fights against measures to raise the minimum wage, Club for Growth.

“Yet again, the declared Republican candidates for Senate find themselves on the same side – and that's against Wisconsin's working families,” said Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Martha Laning. “Rather than advocating for wages that would help middle-class families succeed, these candidates are only looking out for themselves and the wealthy special interests that back their political careers.”

Background:

**Vukmir Cosponsored Legislation “Straight From The ALEC Playbook” That Would Repeal The Prevailing Wage.** [Associated Press, 5/5/15]

**In Summer 2017, Vukmir Demanded The Next State Budget Include Full Repeal Of Prevailing Wage Law.** [La Crosse Tribune, [7/14/17](#)]

**Midwest Economic Policy Institute Reported Vukmir's Demand Would Cost "From \$224 Million To \$337 Million Every Year."** [Door County Pulse, [6/30/17](#)]

**Vukmir Is A Member Of ALEC's National Board Of Directors, A Koch-Funded Group That Brings Together State Legislators To Write Corporation-Friendly Bills.** [Bloomberg, [5/3/12](#)]; [American Legislative Exchange Council, Board Of Directors, Sen. Leah Vukmir, Accessed [3/13/17](#)]

**An Deep-Dive Into ALEC's Practices Showed That ALEC Essentially Turns Lawmakers Into "Stealth Lobbyists," Providing Them With Talking Points, Signaling How They Should Vote.**[New York Times, [4/21/12](#)]

**In 2017, Vukmir Voted To Increase Her State Senate Per Diem Benefits By 31 Percent.** [Green Bay Press-Gazette, 2/23/17]

**Nicholson Was Endorsed By Club For Growth, Which Has Endorsed A \$0 Minimum Wage.** [Club For Growth, [8/15/17](#); Club For Growth, [10/29/14](#)]