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WAUSAU — Ahead of the second U.S. Senate debate, Leah Vukmir has been leveling increasingly desperate attacks. Leah Vukmir's previous attacks have been called "[false](#)", "[pants on fire](#)" and an "[absurd smear](#)" by non-partisan media outlets. Even a conservative outlet said a Vukmir attack "[insults the intelligence and character](#)" of Wisconsin voters.

Following two polls this week with Leah Vukmir down double digits and losing ground, **Leah Vukmir is set to ratchet up her desperate rhetoric in the second debate.**

*"The more that Wisconsinites find out about Leah Vukmir, the less they like her record of putting special interests first," **said campaign spokesperson Bill Neidhardt.** "At this debate, expect Leah Vukmir to launch into whatever desperate attacks it takes to dodge, deflect and distract from her record of siding with*

*insurance companies and her corporate special interest backers.”*

Thursday’s NBC/Marist poll found [Leah Vukmir down 14 points](#) and Wednesday’s Marquette Law School poll found [Leah Vukmir down 10 points](#), with a disastrous [negative 13 favorability rating](#).

Both polls also showed that health care and pre-existing condition protections are a top priority for Wisconsin voters. The Marquette poll showed that 93% of Wisconsin voters believe it’s very or somewhat important to require coverage for pre-existing conditions. The NBC/Marist poll and a previous Suffolk-Journal Sentinel poll both found health care is the top issue for voters in this race.

This morning, following a series of tweets yesterday from Leah Vukmir doubling down on killing a bill that requires insurance companies cover oral chemotherapy, two Wisconsinites held a press conference call on the issue. [AUDIO of the call here](#).

The latest Tammy Baldwin for Senate ad featured Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions outlining the choice this election between Tammy Baldwin and Leah Vukmir: [“It’s a pretty clear choice. Leah Vukmir is for the insurance companies and Tammy Baldwin’s for us.”](#)

Tammy Baldwin has continued to make affordable health care a top focus. This week, [Tammy forced a health care vote in the U.S. Senate](#) on overturning the expansion of junk plans that allow insurance companies to deny coverage for pre-existing conditions. Tammy’s legislation received bipartisan support, even under a rare Trump administration veto threat, and [changed the national narrative around protecting health care](#).

Despite what Leah Vukmir will say at the debate, she supports multiple efforts to gut pre-existing condition protections and allow insurance companies to deny coverage.