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MADISON — A day after the launch of [TheDeciding.Vote](#), Leah Vukmir admitted in a talk radio interview yesterday that she would cast the deciding vote to repeal health care and gut protections for pre-existing conditions.

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On WTMJ Milwaukee's *Steve Scaffidi Show*, Leah Vukmir said: ***"I'm gonna fight like heck to beat Tammy Baldwin, so I can be that extra voice in the Senate. So, when a proposal does get passed over from the House it doesn't fall short in the Senate like it did."***

The bill Leah Vukmir is committing to passing is the AHCA — a partisan health care repeal plan pushed through the House of Representatives last year. This repeal bill would:

- Gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions.
- Take coverage away from 23 million Americans.
- Place an age tax on older Wisconsinites by allowing insurance companies charge them thousands more for coverage, according to the AARP.

- Endear Leah Vukmir to ALEC's corporate backers, who endorsed the bill.

*“Leah Vukmir’s comments yesterday show that she has no regrets for her plans to be the deciding vote to gut pre-existing condition protections,” **said campaign spokesperson Bill Neidhardt.** “Wisconsinites were one vote away from Washington pushing a devastating health care repeal, and no desperate attack from Leah Vukmir will hide her true intentions from Wisconsin voters.”*

These new comments from Leah Vukmir confirm what Vice President Pence said when he visited Wisconsin last month, as highlighted on the new Tammy Baldwin for Senate microsite, [TheDeciding.Vote](#).

Recent polling shows that health care and pre-existing condition protections are a top priority for Wisconsin voters. Last week, a Marquette poll showed that 93% of Wisconsin voters believe it’s “important” to require coverage for pre-existing conditions. And a recent NBC/Marist poll and a previous Suffolk-Journal Sentinel poll both found health care is the top issue for voters in this race.