

WisDems: Leah Vukmir faces allegations that she and her campaign illegally coordinated with billionaire megadonor Dick Uihlein

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So far, Vukmir has ducked questions about a FEC complaint that alleges her campaign illegally coordinated with billionaire Dick Uihlein, who has donated \$3 million to groups supporting Vukmir since Vukmir publicly requested his support.

MADISON — It's been nearly 24 hours, and **Republican U.S. Senate candidate Leah Vukmir** continues to refuse to address allegations that she and her campaign "[improperly solicited contributions well in excess of the statutorily imposed limits](#)" and "[improperly coordinated public communications with Super PACs controlled by](#)" billionaire Dick Uihlein. In recent months, Uihlein-funded groups have [spent hundreds of thousands of dollars](#) on Vukmir's behalf.

Yesterday, End Citizens United [filed a formal complaint](#) with the Federal Election alleging that Vukmir violated federal campaign finance law by publicly (and potentially privately) urging Uihlein to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars — if not millions — on her behalf.

In an apparent panic over the complaint, Vukmir's campaign lashed out, calling it a "trick," but neither Vukmir nor her campaign have actually addressed the key questions at hand:

Questions Vukmir Must Answer:

1. Did Leah Vukmir or anyone from her campaign talk to or meet with Dick Uihlein to privately follow through on [Vukmir's public request for Uihlein to invest](#) more in his super PACs now supporting her candidacy?
2. Did Dick Uihlein attend the so-called "[unity fundraiser](#)" he was scheduled to attend in August benefiting Vukmir, and did Vukmir and Uihlein discuss Vukmir and Uihlein-funded groups' coordinated campaign strategy to — in Vukmir's words — "buy" her the election?

Background:

In August, Vukmir made headlines from news outlets (including [the Associated Press](#) and [WKOW-TV](#)) for saying that she was "reaching out to Dick Uihlein" and hopeful "that [Uihlein] will want to continue with his commitment" to supporting her campaign. That marked a significant change of heart for Vukmir, who, just one week prior, had complained that Uihlein was trying to "buy a Senate seat" for her Republican opponent, adding, "that's not what Wisconsin politics is about."

Over the months since, [two Uihlein-funded groups have dumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into Wisconsin's Senate race](#) in support of Leah Vukmir and to beat Tammy Baldwin. Over that same period, Uihlein has donated at least \$3 million to groups now supporting Vukmir, including [\\$2 million to Restoration PAC](#) and [\\$1 million to Americas PAC](#).