

# WisDems: D.C. Republicans continue health care sabotage

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*Washington Republicans are continuing their dangerous, Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson-backed health care market sabotage that's increasing premium costs and making it harder for Americans to access health care*

MADISON — **Republican U.S. Senate candidates Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson** are standing with Washington Republicans as they continue their health care market sabotage that's not only making it harder for Americans to get health care insurance but [also actively spiking premiums](#) across the country.

Here are the latest examples of Washington Republicans' efforts to stoke health insurance market instability

- Last weekend, **the Trump Administration announced it was ending “a program that pays billions of dollars to insurers to stabilize health insurance markets under the Affordable Care Act”** — a move that the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association [says](#) “will undermine Americans' access to affordable care, particularly for those who need medical care the most.”
- And on Tuesday, **the Trump Administration announced plans for deep cuts to a program that helps Americans navigate the health care marketplace and sign up for health care insurance.** The planned cuts will reduce the federal funds for the program by more than two-thirds — to \$10 million from \$36.8 million. This latest sabotage follows the Trump Administration in August 2017 “reducing the navigators' aid by 41 percent, from \$62.5 million, and slashing by 90 percent a related budget for advertising

and other outreach activities to foster ACA enrollment.”

Vukmir and Nicholson have for months cheered on Washington Republicans’ ongoing health care market sabotage — all [while opposing bipartisan fixes to stabilize insurance markets](#) — and even said that [they back Republicans’ claims that protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions](#) are unconstitutional, which could jeopardize 133 million Americans’ health care access.