

# WisDems: D.C. Republicans pass Vukmir and Nicholson-backed social security and Medicare cuts

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*Vukmir and Nicholson support plans to gut Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid*

MADISON — Last week, U.S. House Republicans furthered GOP Senate candidates Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson's goal of gutting Medicare and Medicaid and repealing the Affordable Care Act, by passing a budget resolution that would lead to dramatic premium increases and strip health care away from millions of Americans.

Significantly, the House Budget Committee-passed budget blueprint "proposes to squeeze \$537 billion out of Medicare over the next decade." The Republican plan would also cut Social Security by "\$4 billion over the decade" and also target "Medicaid and other health programs" for a whopping \$1.5 trillion in cuts.

Republicans are urging the deep cuts to Medicare, Social Security, and Medicaid, to pay for the GOP tax law that gifts 83% of cuts to the wealthiest Americans and big corporations like Pfizer and Wells Fargo.

"Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson's support for deep cuts to Medicare, Social Security, and funding for Wisconsin seniors' nursing home coverage isn't hypothetical — it's representative of the corporate special interest agenda that Washington Republicans are pursuing every day, and its an effort that Vukmir and Nicholson would be all too glad to join in the Senate," said Brad Bainum, DPW

spokesperson for the 2018 U.S. Senate race.

Though House Speaker Paul Ryan — the face of Washington Republicans' efforts to dismantle the social safety net — on Monday chose to endorse Leah Vukmir in the GOP Senate primary, Kevin Nicholson, like Vukmir, supports Republican plans for cuts to vital programs like Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid, which provide essential benefits and health care coverage to Wisconsin kids, retirees and nursing home residents.

More than 1.2 million Wisconsinites are Social Security beneficiaries;

More than 1 million Wisconsin seniors count on Medicare;

Half of Wisconsinites with a disability receive coverage under Medicaid; and

3 in 5 Wisconsin nursing home residents count on Medicaid for coverage.