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**If they're trying to buy a U.S. Senate seat for her, that is*

MADISON — Out-of-state billionaires buying a U.S. Senate election? Republican Senate candidate Leah Vukmir was against it before she was for it — and now she's reaping the benefits of millions in spending from the out-of-state billionaire Koch brothers, as they seek to beat U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin:

THEN — Leah Vukmir, 8/6/18: "[\[A\] particular out of state donor is spending as much money...to...almost try and buy a Senate seat and that's not what Wisconsin politics is about.](#)"

NOW — Leah Vukmir, 3 weeks later: Now, Vukmir is [lobbying for billionaire Dick Uihlein to spend on her behalf](#) while simultaneously reaping the benefits of millions in spending from the out-of-state billionaire Koch brothers, who [have now spent "more than \\$6 million against Sen. Tammy Baldwin"](#) in order to elect Vukmir and buy a U.S. Senator who will work for them.

"It's easy to see why the out-of-state billionaire Koch brothers are supporting Leah Vukmir, who they know and like as a national leader of their corporate special interest group ALEC, where Vukmir has advanced corporate special interests' agenda at the expense of Wisconsin working families," **said Brad Bainum, Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesperson for the 2018 Senate race.** "Corporate special interests and billionaires like the Kochs have spent more than

\$11 million attacking Tammy Baldwin because they want to buy a Senator like Leah Vukmir, who will work for them, not Wisconsin.”