

WisDems: Kevin Nicholson and Leah Vukmir oppose minimum wage laws

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While Nicholson indicates opposition to any minimum wage, Vukmir has led the charge to prevent minimum wage increases and to repeal Wisconsin's prevailing wage law.

MADISON — Far from thinking that hardworking Wisconsinites deserve a raise, Republican U.S. Kevin Nicholson believes that there shouldn't be a federal or state-level minimum wage at all.

According to [the Wisconsin State Journal](#), Nicholson doesn't just oppose raising the \$7.25-an-hour federal minimum wage — he's also "very wary" that there's any minimum wage at all:

*Asked if he supports additional wage measures, Nicholson said, **"I'm very wary of dictating to any kind of employer what their wages should be."***

Nicholson's opposition to minimum wage increases and the very concept of a minimum wage is ultimately unsurprising — especially given that he's benefited from millions in TV ad spending courtesy of the Dick Uihlein-funded Club for Growth, a vociferous minimum wage critic.

But Nicholson isn't the only Republican U.S. Senate candidate who opposes minimum wage laws. Leah Vukmir is a national leader of the American Legislative Exchange Council, which has [campaigned against minimum wage increases](#) and [advocated for abolishing the federal minimum wage entirely](#). In Wisconsin's state legislature, Vukmir [personally voted to block cities and towns](#)

[from raising their local minimum wage](#), and she — in her own words — “led the charge” to repeal Wisconsin’s prevailing wage law and lower Wisconsin working people’s wages.