

WisDems: Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson Oppose \$3.3 Billion in Opioid Crisis Funding

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Following right-wing, corporate special interest groups' lead, Vukmir and Nicholson say they would've voted against the federal government funding bill that allocated more than \$3.3 billion for combatting the opioid epidemic

MADISON — All of a sudden, Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson's commitment to fighting the opioid crisis is in question, with both Republican U.S. Senate candidates indicating that [they would have voted against the President Trump-signed federal government spending bill](#) that, among other things, appropriated \$3.3 billion in funding to combat the opioid epidemic.

- **Kevin Nicholson** on Thursday morning criticized the spending bill, opioid spending and all, definitively telling WTAQ radio's John Muir that he would've opposed the measure: "[I would have voted against it.](#)"
- **Leah Vukmir** was similarly critical of the spending bill, last week, telling conservative radio host Jay Weber: "[I would've voted against it... \\$1.3 trillion is unacceptable.](#)"

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin worked on a bipartisan basis to "[secure a \\$3 billion increase in federal funding](#)" in the omnibus bill to fight the opioid epidemic in Wisconsin and across the country. But out-of-state, right-wing corporate special interest groups such as the [Club for Growth](#) and [FreedomWorks](#) — both of which are supporting Kevin Nicholson — nevertheless pressured politicians that they support to oppose the measure. And so Kevin Nicholson, like Leah Vukmir, came out against the bill.

“Right-wing corporate special interests told Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson to oppose the federal government spending bill and its \$3.3 billion investment toward addressing the opioid crisis, so they did; Vukmir and Nicholson simply can’t be trusted to ever put Wisconsin first,” **said Brad Bainum, Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesperson for the 2018 U.S. Senate race.**