

WisDems: Leah Vukmir backs gutting Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid

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The Republican Party of Wisconsin-endorsed U.S. Senate candidate backs GOP plans to gut vital benefits programs that millions of Wisconsinites count on

MADISON — Following ultraconservative state Sen. Leah Vukmir's decisive win of the Republican Party of Wisconsin's endorsement, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin is profiling Vukmir's support for extreme policies that are giveaways to corporate special interests and would inflict real harm on hardworking Wisconsinites. Previously, we looked at [Vukmir's support for Trumpcare plans](#) that would gut preexisting conditions protections and Republican health care sabotage that's causing Wisconsinites' premiums to skyrocket. But that isn't the full scope of Leah Vukmir's enthusiasm for cutting Wisconsin working families and retirees health care access — she also backs GOP plans to slash Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid:

Leah Vukmir Supports Extreme Plans to Gut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid

Leah Vukmir [supports Republican efforts to gut](#) Wisconsinites' Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security benefits — a cruel, extreme gift to billionaire megadonors like the Koch brothers that would hurt Wisconsin seniors, kids and future retirees.

[Here's the extent to which Vukmir's plans to gut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid would inflict real harm on Wisconsinites:](#)

- [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.](#)

Despite these eyebrow-raising statistics, Vukmir isn't too concerned by the fact that her support for efforts to gut programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid would disproportionately hurt young kids, retirees and Wisconsinites with disabilities. Quite the opposite: in January, Vukmir asserted that gutting Medicaid — which, again, 3 in 5 Wisconsin nursing home residents rely on — is “[actually compassionate](#)” and a “[Christian way to approach public policy](#).”

“State Sen. Leah Vukmir has spent her career in Madison undercutting Wisconsin working families and supporting Gov. Scott Walker’s corrupt megadonor and corporate special interest giveaways,” **said Brad Bainum, DPW spokesperson for the 2018 Senate race.** “And as Vukmir continues her U.S. Senate campaign across Wisconsin — continuing to champion Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid cuts that would hurt hardworking Wisconsinites — it’s clear that nothing’s changed.”