WisDems: Leah Vukmir leaves 600 Wisconsin workers behind

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MADISON — True to her long record of putting corporate special interests first and selling out Wisconsin workers, state Sen. Leah Vukmir yesterday joined her Senate colleagues in refusing to vote and failing to deliver for the 600 Wisconsinite Kimberly-Clark workers told that they're going to be laid off as a result of the Republican tax law.

In January, Kimberly-Clark announced plans to lay off 600 Wisconsinite workers, following corporate executives bragging about using their massive tax breaks from the law to pay for stock buybacks and lay off 5,000 workers across the country.

The GOP tax law — supported by Vukmir and her Republican primary opponent, Kevin Nicholson — sends a trillion dollars in tax cuts to the richest one percent and big corporations like Exxon, Wells Fargo and drug companies like Pfizer, all while hiking taxes on hard-working, middle-class Americans. And now Republicans in Congress are using the tax law to push for cuts to Social Security and Medicare and put funding for nursing home coverage at risk — dangerous cuts that Vukmir and Nicholson have each previously endorsed.

"Back in December, Leah Vukmir claimed that the GOP tax law would be 'good for everybody,'" said Brad Bainum, Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesperson for the 2018 Senate race. "The GOP tax law has been great for the corporate special interests and right-wing mega-donors using their big tax breaks to bankroll Vukmir's campaign, but it's already inflicting serious pain on working families in Wisconsin and across the country — and as usual, Vukmir isn't lifting a finger to help Wisconsin working people."