

# WisDems: On Leah Vukmir's Paul Ryan endorsement

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MADISON — Today, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan [endorsed Leah Vukmir](#) over Kevin Nicholson in Wisconsin's Republican U.S. Senate primary, setting up an electoral test of Ryan's influence — or his "[light footprint in the state](#)," as Nicholson might put it.

So far, Vukmir and Nicholson have had a long, protracted, and [increasingly nasty primary](#), that has Nicholson's out-of-state backers directly challenging Vukmir and her supporters, [testing the Republican Party of Wisconsin's influence](#), following the party's Vukmir endorsement.

Brad Bainum, Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesperson for the 2018 Senate race, issued the following statement on Paul Ryan's Leah Vukmir endorsement:

"Paul Ryan embodies [the worst of Washington's corporate special interest corruption](#), so it's no surprise that he wants Leah Vukmir elected to the U.S. Senate. Vukmir has a decade-plus record of working for corporate special interests in the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate, she's on the board of a Koch-funded corporate special interest group, and she supports dangerous Ryan policy priorities like cutting Social Security and Medicare and gutting protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions."