

WisDems: Vukmir and Nicholson's 2016 presidential pick admits tax law is a scam

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Both Vukmir and Nicholson backed Marco Rubio's presidential run — and now Rubio admits that the scam GOP tax law is leaving families behind

MADISON — **Republican U.S. Senate candidates Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson** have a real problem on their hands: [Vukmir](#) and [Nicholson](#) are running hard on their support for the Republican tax law — [which sends more than 80 percent of benefits to the richest 1 percent and large corporations like Pfizer](#) — but their 2016 pick for the Republican presidential nomination just admitted that the law is a straight-up scam. Awkward.

In a recent interview, **U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida** [definitively conceded](#) that the GOP tax law is a massive transfer of wealth to large corporations that leaves working families behind:

“[Big corporations] bought back shares, a few gave out bonuses; there’s no evidence whatsoever that the money’s been massively poured back into the American worker.”

How do Vukmir and Nicholson respond to their erstwhile 2016 presidential candidate of choice’s admission that the GOP tax law — not to mention the very concept of “trickle-down” economics — is a scam?

“Even Republicans agree that the GOP tax law is a giveaway to the wealthiest Americans and big corporations like Wells Fargo and Pfizer, that’s shouldered by hardworking families,” **said Brad Bainum, DPW spokesperson for the 2018 Senate race.** “But Leah Vukmir and Kevin Nicholson are campaigning on the scam law — [even as other Republicans admit that the law will increase consumer health care costs](#) — because they’re bought and paid for by corporate special interests and billionaire donors.”

And yes, before they backed Donald Trump’s presidential campaign, Vukmir and Nicholson used to support Rubio.

- Before **Leah Vukmir** [cut a radio ad for Trump](#) in November 2016, she [served as](#) the Wisconsin co-chair for Rubio’s presidential campaign.
- And even though **Kevin Nicholson** — [integrity-challenged as he is](#) — insists that he was always sure that “[Trump] was the only one that had a chance to win a national election,” [Nicholson nevertheless donated \\$250 to Rubio’s presidential campaign](#) — not Trump’s — in November of 2015.

Meanwhile, other Republicans are admitting that the Republican tax law — which repeals the Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate — will further hurt middle-class families by spiking health insurance premiums.

Former Trump Administration Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price today [said](#), **“There are many, and I’m one of them, who believes that that actually will harm the pool in the exchange market...and consequently that drives up the cost for other folks within that market.”**

Price’s view squares with the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office’s projection that “13 million fewer Americans would have health insurance by 2027 as a result of the elimination of the individual mandate,” as well as the Office’s estimate that “average premiums in the exchanges would increase by about 10 percent in most years over the next decade.”