

WisDems: DPW Chair Ben Wikler Responds to Trump's Commitment to Slash Social Security and Medicare

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(MADISON, WI) — Today, Trump explicitly said he is looking to cut Social Security and Medicare if he wins a second term. This comes after barnstorming Wisconsin in 2016 promising he'd protect these benefits that millions in the state rely on.

TRUMP: "We're going to save your Social Security. You know, all the guys I'm running against, they want to cut your social security. They want to take your Medicare, take your social security, cut the hell out of it. I'm not going to do that...You're going to keep your social security...I'm the only one that says it, believe me, the only one. You're going to keep your so ... as sure as you're sitting there, you're keeping your social security. You've been paying in all your lives. You're going to keep your social security and your Medicare." [Trump Campaign Rally, Appleton WI, 3/30/16]

In response, Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler released the following statement:

"Trump's announcement that he's aiming to cut Social Security and Medicare is a profoundly broken promise for Wisconsinites. He promised in 2016 to protect Social Security and Medicare, essential benefits that millions in our state paid into their entire lives so they could retire and live with dignity. But over and over he has proposed cuts in his budgets, and now he's doubling down. These cuts threaten the health and well-being of our state and voters aren't going to stand by for another four years of Trump's threats and broken promises."