

Opportunity Wisconsin: As U.S. Rep. Steil heads back to Washington, a new billboard reminds him of his votes to keep prescription drug costs high

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RACINE, Wis. – When Congressman Bryan Steil heads back to Washington at the end of recess, he'll be reminded of his votes against capping insulin costs thanks to a new billboard from Opportunity Wisconsin.

The billboard highlights Rep. Steil's multiple votes against capping insulin costs at \$35. He not only voted against the Inflation Reduction Act, which included the cap and additional measures to reduce out-of-pocket health care costs, but he also voted against the Affordable Insulin Now Act, a bill that was written specifically to cap insulin prices.

While voting to keep prescription drug costs high, Rep. Steil has raked in over \$100,000 in campaign contributions from the pharmaceutical industry, including thousands of dollars from pharmaceutical special interests who are suing to repeal the Inflation Reduction Act's provision allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices.

As the August congressional recess wraps up, the billboard will be displayed near the airport to give the congressman a final reminder that Wisconsinites expect him to stand up to Big Pharma and fight for lower prescription drug prices.

"As Congressman Steil returns to Washington, Wisconsinites are demanding that he

start fighting for working families and seniors,” **said Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director Meghan Roh.** “It’s time for him to stand up to Big Pharma and work to make prescription drugs more affordable for Wisconsinites.”

Diana Tijani, a Kenosha senior who uses insulin added, “I don’t think Wisconsinites should be forced to choose between making ends meet or putting food on the table and accessing the care and prescriptions they need, but if Rep. Steil had his way, that’s exactly the choice that many Wisconsinites would continue to face. It’s time for Rep. Steil to start fighting for his constituents and work to lower costs – we expect better.”