

Opportunity Wisconsin: Mobile billboards hold Republican congressmen accountable during state convention for turning their backs on working people

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LA CROSSE, Wis. – Opportunity Wisconsin, a grassroots coalition of Wisconsin residents fighting for working people, will highlight recent votes from Wisconsin’s Republican congressmen with mobile billboards outside the Republican Party of Wisconsin’s annual convention this weekend in La Crosse.

“Wisconsinites expect their elected officials to fight for working families, not big corporations and special interests,” **said Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director Meghan Roh.** “Unfortunately, Republican Congressmen Derrick Van Orden, Mike Gallagher, Tom Tiffany, and Bryan Steil have taken countless votes that make it harder for Wisconsin families, veterans, and seniors to succeed in our state. Opportunity Wisconsin is committed to holding them accountable for these votes and working with Wisconsinites to demand better from their members of Congress.”

The billboards will circle the convention center and downtown La Crosse on Friday, June 16th and Saturday, June 17th. Reporters interested in recording b-roll of the billboard truck or arranging an interview with Opportunity Wisconsin during the convention should email press@opportunitywisconsin.org to make arrangements.

The following images will rotate on the mobile billboard truck throughout the Republican convention:

Rep. Derrick Van Orden:



CONGRESSMAN DERRICK VAN ORDEN
**VOTED TO CUT BENEFITS FOR
VETERANS AND SENIORS,
WHILE GIVING BILLIONS TO
CORPORATIONS.**

Tell Van Orden to help Wisconsin families,
NOT BIG CORPORATIONS:

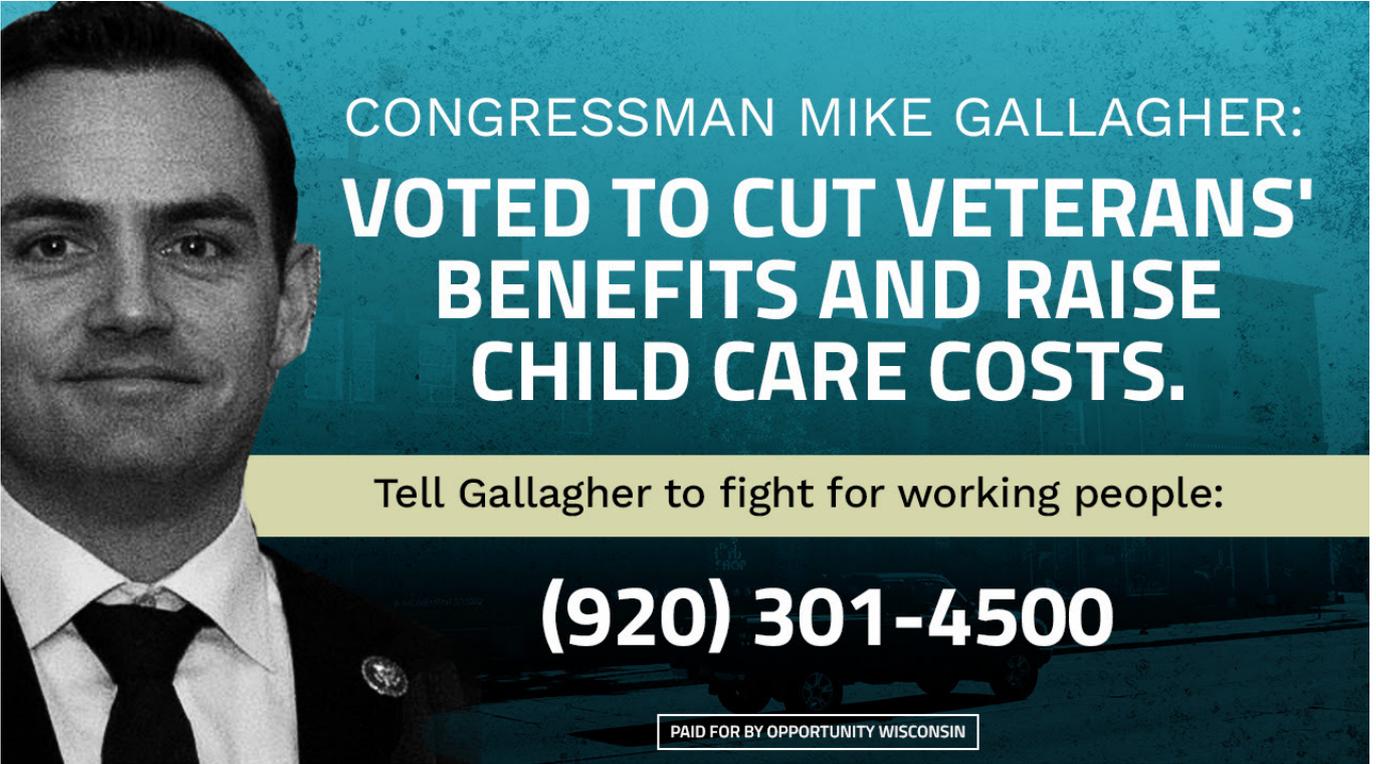
(715) 831-9214

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Background on Rep. Van Orden's Vote:

Rep. Derrick Van Orden voted for the "Default on America Act," an extreme bill that would've made devastating cuts to programs that benefit seniors and veterans. According to a [Politifact report](#), these cuts "could translate to 13 million fewer health care appointments for veterans and significant cuts to benefit payments, staffing, and clinic construction, according to the agency." In addition to reducing funding for veterans, the "Default on America Act" would have threatened food assistance for Wisconsin seniors, women, and children.

Rep. Mike Gallagher:



CONGRESSMAN MIKE GALLAGHER:
**VOTED TO CUT VETERANS'
BENEFITS AND RAISE
CHILD CARE COSTS.**

Tell Gallagher to fight for working people:

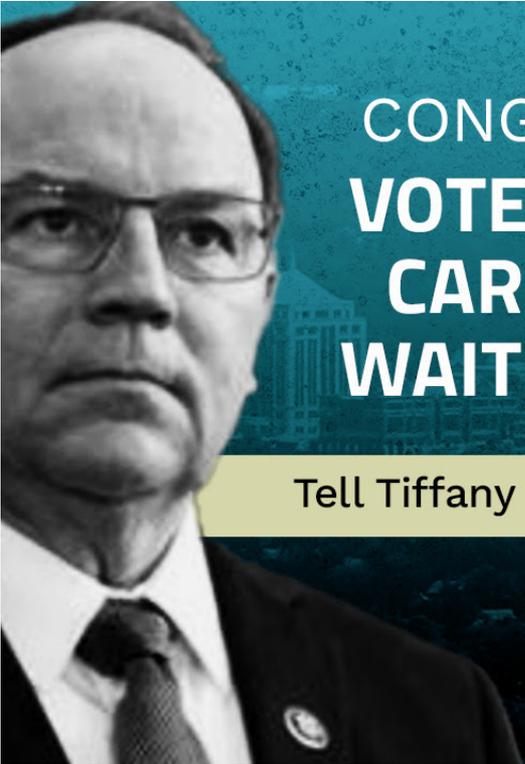
(920) 301-4500

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Background on Rep. Mike Gallagher's Vote:

Rep. Mike Gallagher voted for the “Default on America Act,” an extreme bill that would’ve made devastating cuts to programs that benefit seniors and veterans. According to a [Politifact report](#), these cuts “could translate to 13 million fewer health care appointments for veterans and significant cuts to benefit payments, staffing, and clinic construction, according to the agency.” In addition to reducing funding for veterans, the “Default on America Act” would have eliminated at least 5,500 child care and preschool slots across Wisconsin, making it more difficult for families to access the child care services they need.

Rep. Tom Tiffany:



CONGRESSMAN TOM TIFFANY:
**VOTED FOR HIGHER HEALTH
CARE COSTS AND LONGER
WAIT TIMES FOR VETERANS.**

Tell Tiffany to start looking out for Wisconsinites:

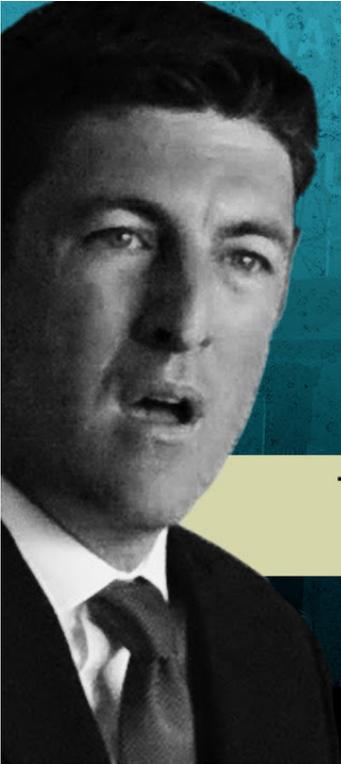
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Background on Rep. Tom Tiffany's Vote:

Rep. Tom Tiffany voted for the "Default on America Act," an extreme bill that would've made devastating cuts to programs that benefit seniors and veterans. According to a [Politifact report](#), these cuts "could translate to 13 million fewer health care appointments for veterans and significant cuts to benefit payments, staffing, and clinic construction, according to the agency."

Rep. Bryan Steil:



**CONGRESSMAN BRYAN STEIL:
TAKES MONEY FROM BIG
PHARMA, VOTES TO KEEP
YOUR DRUG COSTS HIGH.**

Tell Steil to lower costs for working people and
stand up to corporate special interests:

(262) 654-1901

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Background on Rep. Bryan Steil's Votes:

Rep. Steil [voted against](#) the Inflation Reduction Act, which reduced health care and prescription drug costs for [hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites](#). The legislation included a cap on out-of-pocket prescription expenses for Medicare recipients, gave Medicare the power to negotiate for lower drug prices, and established a \$35 monthly cap on insulin costs for seniors.

In addition to opposing the Inflation Reduction Act, Rep. Steil previously voted against the Affordable Insulin Now Act, a targeted piece of legislation designed to cap the cost of insulin at \$35. While repeatedly voting against a cap on insulin costs, Steil received more than \$100,000 in campaign contributions from the pharmaceutical industry.