

# Protect Our Care: Baldwin highlights drug cost savings in La Crosse

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**LA CROSSE, WI** – This afternoon, Protect Our Care’s Care Force One arrived in the Coulee Region to spotlight how recent legislative victories by President Biden and Democrats in Congress are “driving down” health costs for the American people. The Inflation Reduction Act and other measures are already saving people thousands of dollars a year — with even more savings on the way. August marks the first anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act and the savings it continues to deliver to Wisconsinites. During today’s event Sen. Baldwin, executives with Gundersen/Bellin Health and health care advocates heralded cost saving measures like the \$35 per prescription per month insulin cap, annual out-of-pocket caps, and Medicare’s Drug Price Negotiation Program.

“I was proud to support the *Inflation Reduction Act* – which was signed into law almost a year ago – to finally provide some relief for Wisconsin families and hold big drug companies accountable for prioritizing profits over people,” said **Senator Baldwin**. “This critical piece of legislation takes several steps to help lower the costs of prescription drugs. After years of fighting, we are finally giving Medicare the power to negotiate lower prescription drug prices and we are capping out-of-pocket costs for nearly 46 million seniors across the country.”

Sen. Baldwin also noted the deficit reduction impact of the landmark legislation, noting, “This will not only cut drug costs for Americans, but it saves taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars.

**Sue Schultz**, who has lived in the region for more than 40 years, takes 13 medications for issues ranging from asthma to diabetes. “I want to thank Senator Tammy Baldwin and President Joe Biden and additional Democrats, who have worked to lower the cost of prescription drugs and health insurance,” said Schultz.

“By working to reduce the costs for insurance and drugs by the current administration, my financial life has been made easier. I am grateful for what has been done so far.”

**Holmen resident Amy Taebel** – a Type 1 diabetic – shared that her out of pocket costs for insulin are nearly \$500 every month. “That \$500 adds up very quickly,” said Taebel. “I am so thankful for Sen. Baldwin and other Senators for fighting (for us).”

Baldin noted her ongoing work to pass additional prescription drug related legislation that could lower drug costs, including the FAIR Drug Pricing Act.

Gunderson Health speakers spoke movingly about the impact prescription drugs have on their community members and those they serve, recognizing the fight is not yet over **Heather Schimmers** said, “We urge Congress to continue to pass legislation to lower drug costs.”

Tomorrow, the “Lower Costs, Better Care” tour will continue in Wisconsin, where Protect Our Care will be joined by Governor Tony Evers. Over four weeks, Care Force One will travel to more than 16 states, make more than 30 stops, and travel nearly 8,000 miles. For more information, click [here](#).

Protect Our Care’s Care Force One will make stops in:

**Manchester, New Hampshire** on Monday, July 31, 2023

**Portsmouth, New Hampshire** on Monday, July 31, 2023

**Syracuse, New York** on Tuesday, August 1, 2023

**Kingston, New York** on Tuesday, August 1, 2023

**Westchester, New York** on Wednesday, August 2, 2023

**New York City, New York** on Wednesday, August 2, 2023

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** on Thursday, August 3, 2023

**Uniontown, Pennsylvania** on Friday, August 4, 2023

**Youngstown, Ohio** on Monday, August 7, 2023

**Toledo, Ohio** on Monday, August 7, 2023

**Detroit, Michigan** on Tuesday, August 8, 2023

**Lansing, Michigan** on Tuesday, August 8, 2023

**La Crosse, Wisconsin** on Wednesday, August 9, 2023

**Green Bay, Wisconsin** on Thursday, August 10, 2023

**St. Paul, Minnesota** on Friday, August 11, 2023

**Las Vegas, Nevada** on Monday, August 14, 2023  
**Bakersfield, California** on Tuesday, August 15, 2023  
**Los Angeles, California** on Tuesday, August 15, 2023  
**Orange County, California** on Wednesday, August 16, 2023  
**Palm Springs, California** on Wednesday, August 16, 2023  
**Phoenix, Arizona** on Thursday, August 17, 2023  
**Tucson, Arizona** on Thursday, August 17, 2023  
**Albuquerque, New Mexico** on Friday, August 18, 2023  
**Atlanta, Georgia** on Monday, August 21, 2023  
**Macon, Georgia** on Monday, August 21, 2023  
**Charlotte, North Carolina** on Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
**Greensboro, North Carolina** on Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
**Raleigh, North Carolina** on Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
**Norfolk, Virginia** on Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
**Richmond, Virginia** on Thursday, August 24, 2023  
**Wilmington, Delaware** on Thursday, August 24, 2023  
**Allentown, Pennsylvania** on Friday, August 25, 2023