

# WisDems: ICYMI: FACT CHECK: Gallagher lies about never voting for a debt ceiling increase

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**MADISON, Wis.** — New [reporting](#) from Heartland Signal fact checked Congressman Mike Gallagher for his recent lie that he has never voted to increase the debt ceiling. Gallagher voted to increase the debt ceiling by \$1.5 trillion in 2018.

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*U.S. Rep. and potential Wisconsin Senate candidate Mike Gallagher (R) falsely claimed to have never voted on debt ceiling increase despite voting for the [Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018](#), which raised the debt ceiling by \$1.5 trillion.*

*During an interview with [USA Today from January](#), Gallagher commented on the debt ceiling situation currently embroiling the U.S. Congress.*

[...]

*“... I’ve never voted for a debt ceiling increase, and I won’t unless it’s paired with meaningful reform.”*

*Gallagher made similar claims on The [Hugh Hewitt show](#) and the American Enterprise Institute’s [“What The Hell” podcast](#) shortly after Kevin McCarthy was elected speaker of the House in a [tumultuous](#) process. However, not only did [Gallagher vote](#) for the Bipartisan Budget Act in 2018, which increased the debt ceiling by \$1.53 trillion according to [FactCheck.org](#), he criticized his Republican colleagues who voted no.*

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