



Senate Democrats

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Weekly Democratic radio address: Protect children, not corporate profits

MADISON, WI – Senator Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) offered the weekly Democratic radio address today.

The audio file of this week's address can be found here:

<http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen32/shillingradioaddress050318.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:

"Hi, I'm State Senator Jennifer Shilling with this week's Democratic Radio Address.

"Over the past year, families have criticized the Republican tax plan that primarily benefits large corporations and the wealthy.

"Many warned that these massive tax giveaways would add to our country's debt and result in across-the-board cuts to important safety net programs like Medicare and Social Security.

"This week, that fear became reality as a new report revealed that 23,000 Wisconsin children would be kicked off food assistance programs this year and lose eligibility for free and reduced lunch programs under a bill being pushed by Speaker Paul Ryan and House Republicans.

"That's right. More than 23,000 children would lose access to food assistance and school nutrition while corporations collect billions in new tax breaks.

"Wisconsin is the Dairy State. No child should ever be forced to go hungry and we certainly shouldn't be denying children access to basic nutrition simply to expand tax breaks for the wealthy.

"Rather than billions in tax giveaways for foreign corporations, Democrats are committed to protecting food assistance for vulnerable children here at home.

"With a little compassion and commonsense, I know we can protect children and put the needs of Wisconsin's working families ahead of those of wealthy special interests.

"Thank you."

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