

## **THE DEMOCRATIC DIFFERENCE: HEALTH CARE**

Democrats across Wisconsin are on your side in support of our most cherished values: Freedom, Family, and Fairness. And Democrats are fighting to make life more affordable for our middle class families, so they can pay for their health care, have a good-paying job, and send their kids to college. Despite continued opposition from Republican legislators, Wisconsin's Democrats are fighting successfully to protect our rights, our opportunities, and our way of life.

### **When it comes to Health Care, who is on your side?**

#### **THE REPUBLICAN RECORD**

Republicans have done nothing to protect your health care and everything to drive up your health care costs, whether it is Republicans in Congress or in the State Legislature.

- Wisconsin Republicans in Congress provided the margin of victory to pass George W. Bush's disastrous Medicare Bill, which could have raised drug prices for the state's 81,000 SeniorCare participants. The Bush bill has proven to be a complete boondoggle, preventing seniors and the disabled across the country from receiving their life-saving medicine. It also gives away \$228 billion to drug and insurance companies and outlaws the government from negotiating lower prices.
- Wisconsin Republican Mark Green distinguished himself by being the only member of the Wisconsin delegation to vote against allowing the reimportation of prescription drugs, despite the fact that Wisconsinites could save \$1.15 billion every year under the plan.
- Wisconsin Republicans in Congress and in the State Legislature have tried over and over to stop life-saving stem cell research – all to satisfy a group of extreme special interests.
- Wisconsin Republicans have voted to restrict contraceptive access for UW students and are bankrolled by extremists who want to “outlaw contraception” altogether.
- Wisconsin Republicans have voted to prevent you from having a say over your end-of-life decisions, encouraging another Terri Schiavo tragic spectacle.

#### **THE DEMOCRATIC DIFFERENCE**

Wisconsin Democrats are fighting to ensure that your health care is safe, secure, and affordable – and that your medical decisions remain your right.

- Governor Doyle stepped in and announced the state will pay for prescription drugs for seniors unable to get critical medicines because of the federal government's failure with Medicare.
- Governor Doyle kept SeniorCare alive after passage of Bush's Medicare plan threatened to kill the popular program.
- Governor Doyle and Wisconsin Democrats are fighting to allow Wisconsin residents to purchase safe prescription drugs at a lower price from Canada.
- Governor Doyle and Wisconsin Democrats are fighting to promote life-saving stem cell research going on right here in Wisconsin.
- Governor Doyle and Wisconsin Democrats are fighting to make sure your medical decisions remain your own.

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