

## Nicholson Supports Proposal To Release Thousands Of Felons From Federal Prison

A spokesman for Wisconsin Republican US Senate candidate Kevin Nicholson tells me Nicholson supports a resolution passed last week by the US House and pending in the Senate that would result in the release of thousands of federal felons designated "low risk." The measure is championed by the Koch Brothers and was one of the subjects of the Kim Kardashian visit to the White House this week. All members of the Wisconsin House delegation, including normally conservative Glenn Grothman and Jim Sensenbrenner voted yes.

I have asked Senator Ron Johnson's staff if Johnson intends to vote for this horrid proposal but haven't received a response.

The campaign chairman of Nicholson's opponent, Leah Vukmir, says Vukmir would likely have concerns with some provisions of the bill but stopped short of saying Vukmir is flat out opposed to it.

The resolution would require release to home detention for the maximum period allowed all federal convicts deemed to be "low risk." It also requires that federal felons be placed in prisons close to their homes and requires the Bureau of Prisons to develop a series of new programs dealing with fighting recidivism. I have long argued most of these programs don't work and merely allow hardened criminals to get out of jail early.

It is my opinion that this proposal perfectly typifies the "Swamp." It has support of both parties, is backed by corporate billionaire influence peddlers like the Kochs and is out of touch with the wishes of the majority of Americans who want criminals incarcerated and not coddled. Nicholson's support of it, to me, is telling.

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