

Texas PAC Props up Former Democrat in Wisconsin GOP Senate Primary

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\$2 million from mega-donor Richard Uihlein to help U.S. Marine veteran and businessman Kevin Nicholson enter the Republican race to challenge Democratic U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin in 2018.

MADISON - After months of rumors, Kevin Nicholson is making his candidacy for the U.S. Senate real by accepting help from a Texas PAC funded by an Illinois billionaire.

First breaking in the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) Thursday, billionaire, GOP "mega-donor" Richard Uihlein announced a \$2 million donation to a [new PAC](#)

solely to support Nicholson's run for U.S. Senate. Richard and his wife Elizabeth completely own Uline Inc., a company valued between \$700 million and \$2 billion, have a long history of funneling money into Wisconsin elections, including millions to shady far-right groups like Restoration PAC, a group that aired a "pants on fire" TV ad to prop up Senator Johnson. The Uihleins' millions to these special interest groups have even earned them the title ["Koch brothers of Wisconsin politics."](#)

The PAC should be renamed Texas Solutions for Wisconsin.

"Wisconsin doesn't need Texas Solutions, no matter what some billionaire in Illinois thinks," said Democratic Party of Wisconsin Communications Director Brandon Weathersby. "The day after a multi-millionaire from Green Bay shows interest in entering the crowded GOP primary for U.S. Senate, out-of-state interests are forced to buoy Kevin Nicholson's flailing bid with a \$2 million hand out. Rather than traveling the state and building support in Wisconsin, Kevin Nicholson is meeting with out-of-state billionaires to line his pockets.

"With Uihlein's millions weighing in the race, that makes at least three millionaires lining up to take on Tammy Baldwin because of her record fighting against DC special interests and for everyday Wisconsinites."