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- Amanda Stuck: Hi, I'm Representative Amanda Stuck, running for Congress here in the 8th Congressional District in Wisconsin. I am running because earlier last year, a constituent named Len had written to me about his wife's breast cancer. He had written to me about how their insurance is very unaffordable and they are very concerned if the Affordable Care Act goes away, that they will not be able to afford insurance at all. And that is even if they can find a plan that will take him and his wife with her preexisting condition. When I received this letter, I called my constituent back to talk about healthcare and this issue. When I called him, he said he had heard from myself, but he had never heard a word back from Mike Gallagher. That was when I decided to run. To me, it is completely unacceptable that a representative would not call a constituent back after getting a letter like that. And especially, to explain why they had voted multiple times to take away healthcare from people right here in Northeast Wisconsin. Mike Gallagher is able to vote against his constituents because he doesn't understand what they go through. Mike Gallagher comes from a family with wealth and connections. Mike Gallagher went to the best schools in California. He doesn't know what it's like to be a family right here in Northeast Wisconsin, making the tough decisions between putting their last few dollars in their gas tank or buying some food to eat for the week. But I do. When I was born right here in Northeast Wisconsin, my mom was a waitress and my dad worked at a grocery store bagging groceries. I don't come from wealth and privilege like Mike Gallagher does. I didn't marry a Broadway star like Mike Gallagher did, I married a sheet metal journeymen. We know what it's like to have to work multiple jobs to stay ahead. We know what it's like to worry when work and the shop is slow and we have to wonder if we'll be able to pay the mortgage that month. We know the families in Northeast Wisconsin are facing those same issues too every day. We know what it's like for them to lay awake in the middle of the night, worrying about how they're going to make it and how they're going to make it even though they're working so hard every single day, working multiple jobs, doing everything they're supposed to do. For most of us, Broadway is a street in Green Bay. It isn't a place in Manhattan like Mike Gallagher knows. And we need people in Congress who really understand what it's like. We don't need more millionaires who are paying off their third or fourth mortgages. We need people who know what it's like to be trying to pay off that student debt or trying to get that employment check when work is slow from a pandemic. We need people who will put the people here over party politics or personal ambition. I'm proud to say I won an award in Washington, D.C. in December for my work with a bipartisan caucus right here in Wisconsin, because I'm committed to working across the aisle and to putting the people here first, by working with whoever wants to work with me on the issues that we face every day so that more families won't have to lay awake at night, wondering how to simply make ends meet when they are doing everything right, and when they are working so hard. I would love to have your vote and support and I look forward to working for you in Washington.