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Local Congressman Gallagher puts large corporations over working families, seniors, and children says Green Bay single mom.

GREEN BAY, WI - Recently, we narrowly avoided an economic disaster that was created by politicians like Congressman Mike Gallagher. Although a deal was reached to avoid defaulting on our nation's debt, this entire episode showed us just how easily families like mine could be left without the essential services we need to get by. Here's how close we came to a devastating default.

First, Congressman Gallagher backed an extreme plan that would only raise the debt ceiling if Congress enacted dangerous cuts that would hurt Wisconsinites. By supporting the "Default on America Act," he voted to strip food assistance from 24,000 women, infants, and children in our state and from Wisconsin seniors. This plan would've also eliminated preschool and child care spots for at least 5,500 Wisconsin children.

Congressman Gallagher's support for this plan was shocking. The fact that he was willing to jeopardize basic care and services for his most vulnerable constituents, while hurtling our country toward a default, should give everyone a sense of where his real priorities are. Instead of asking those at the top or large corporations to pay their fair share, the plan he backed asked families, seniors, and children to pay the price.

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