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Hello, Democrats! Hey, Wisconsin! Tonight, I want to talk about family.

We know all families don't look alike. My mother was a teenager when I was born, and she struggled with addiction. I never met my father. But I had two incredible grandparents who stepped in and raised me—David and Doris Green. Everything I know, I learned from them. In every way a child needs, my grandparents were there for me.

As they grew older, it was my privilege to be there for them. So, when I work to protect Medicare and Social Security, I do it with the personal knowledge of what those big programs meant in small—but deeply meaningful—ways to my grandparents. I know what they mean for *your* parents and grandparents.

But let's be clear. That is all at risk today. Donald Trump was asked what he would do about Social Security and Medicare, and he said—and I quote: "There's a lot you can do in terms of cutting."

Cutting? He's talking about cutting Social Security and Medicare while giving huge new tax breaks to billionaires and corporations?

Well, Kamala Harris is not going to let that happen. Tim Walz is not going to let that happen. *We* are not going to let that happen. They've got it backward. We Democrats, we honor our elders and ask the wealthiest to pay their fair share.

Wisconsin's state motto is "Forward." And, my friends, that is where we are headed.

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