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**WISCONSIN FAMILY ACTION COMMENDS WISCONSIN'S
PRO-LIFE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS & ATTORNEY GENERAL**

One US Senator, five members of US House sign on to brief arguing in favor of WI's right to protect women's health; Attorney General Schimel submits separate brief

Madison – Last week 34 US Senators and 140 Members of the US House of Representatives submitted a [friend-of-the-court brief](#) supporting the right of states to pass laws regarding protecting the health and well-being of women seeking an abortion. Among those senators and members of the House are **Wisconsin's US Senator Ron Johnson (R) and US House of Representatives members Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-CD 1), Jim Sensenbrenner (R-CD 5), Glenn Grothman (R-CD 6), Sean Duffy (R-CD 7) and Reid Ribble (R-CD 8)**. The case, *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, is scheduled for oral arguments on Wednesday, March 2, before the US Supreme Court. The Court will likely issue an opinion in this case by the end of June.

The only Wisconsin officials who did not sign on are US Senator Tammy Baldwin (D) and Representatives Mark Pocan (D-CD 2), Ron Kind (D-CD 3) and Gwen Moore (D-CD 4).

The case comes out of Texas and deals with laws Texas and other states have passed that protect women's health by appropriately regulating abortion. One aspect of the case includes the requirement that doctors performing abortions must have admitting privileges to a hospital within 30 miles of where the abortions are taking place. Wisconsin passed such a law in July 2013. Late last year, a three-judge panel on the US Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Wisconsin's law.

Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action commented, "We are extremely proud of Senator Johnson and Speaker of the House Ryan and Representatives Sensenbrenner, Grothman, Duffy and Ribble for signing on to this important brief. Their leadership on this is both encouraging and helpful in this case. These elected officials know that being pro-life is also very much being pro-woman—and that's evidenced in their willingness to put their names publicly on this brief."

Recently Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel [also filed a brief in this case](#) supporting the right of states to enact such protective laws.

"Wisconsin knows what it is to have duly passed and enacted laws regulating abortion—all for the well-being and safety of women—struck down by rogue judges. To have our Attorney General and this excellent representation of our members of congress involved with this important case sends a strong message to the court that this right to protect women by such laws is important to Wisconsin," said Appling.

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