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## **NORTH CAROLINA FIGHTS BACK AGAINST OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S BULLYING** *Wisconsin Family Action stands with Gov. McCrory*

Madison – Today, North Carolina, under the leadership of Governor Pat McCrory (R), responded full-force to the Obama Administration's bullying regarding the state's recently enacted, common-sense law (H.B. 2) that protects the bodily privacy and safety of its citizens, especially women and girls. The state filed a lawsuit today alleging that the federal government has overstepped its bounds with this "baseless and blatant overreach" in threatening to withhold millions of federal dollars to the state if the state doesn't comply with its interpretation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Wisconsin Family Action president Julaine Appling commented, "Led by President Obama, this administration continues its pattern of capriciously circumventing Congress and making law with its outrageous and egregious declarations. This time the Department of Justice is the hammer. Fortunately for all of us, North Carolina has a courageous governor in Pat McCrory—a governor who refuses to be bullied by an out-of-control federal government.

"This issue isn't just in North Carolina. It's right here in Wisconsin in various municipalities and in our public schools. Representative Jesse Kremer and Senator Steve Nass authored a bill this last session to address this issue in our public schools. Unfortunately, the bill died in committee. But Rep. Kremer has made it clear, he's coming back next session with a similar bill that will protect the bodily privacy of students in our public schools."

The May 4 letter from the Department of Justice to Governor McCrory alleges that H.B. 2 is discriminatory. The letter references federal Title IX education programs and funding as it relates to the University of North Carolina, which is a veiled threat of stopping the millions of dollars in Title IX funding to UNC. H.B. 2 requires, among other things, that all state employees use the restrooms and changing facilities that correspond to their biological sex as stated on their birth certificates. Title IX is generally interpreted in light of how Title VII is interpreted.

"The net result of the Obama Administration's action will be the rewriting of Title IX without authority and thereby forcing Obama's 'bathroom agenda' in schools across the country, including in Wisconsin. This is constitutionally wrong, and it is definitely not in the best interest of students. Wisconsin Family Action stands firmly with Governor McCrory against the Department of Justice's bullying," Appling stated.

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