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**Wisconsin Family Action Thanks and Congratulates State Legislature on
Passing “Freedom of Conscience in the Workplace” Bill**
Law will affirm freedom of conscience for all Wisconsin workers

MADISON – “It’s a very good day in Wisconsin!” said Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action. “We congratulate and thank the Republican leadership and majority party members in both the Senate and Assembly who voted in support of Senate Bill 44, a bill that will guarantee the conscience rights of Wisconsin workers are respected in the workplace.”

Wisconsin Family Action supports the bill that many refer to as “Right to Work,” on the basis that the new law will permit Wisconsin employees to get and keep jobs without violating their conscience.

In recent years, labor unions have taken very public positions on issues such as abortion and marriage redefinition--positions not shared by all their members. Unions have also frequently supported by endorsement and funding candidates whose positions on issues such as abortion and/or marriage are opposed to the positions/beliefs of some of their workers. Clearly, workers should not be forced to be part of ideological positions or political activity that violates their conscience. That should never be a condition for obtaining or maintaining employment.

Article I, Sec. 18 of Wisconsin’s Constitution guarantees liberty of conscience to all citizens: "nor shall any control of, or interference with, the rights of conscience be permitted...." This new law will ensure that this right of and protection of conscience will be appropriately respected in the workplace.

Appling noted, “We look forward to Governor Walker signing this important piece of legislation on Monday. It’s very encouraging that Wisconsin’s legislature is interested in and willing to take bold action to protect the freedom of conscience of all workers in the workplace.”

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