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### **Wisconsin Family Action Supports Privacy for All Students**

Madison – Yesterday, Julaine Appling, President of Wisconsin Family Action (WFA), testified before the Assembly Committee on Education in support of Assembly Bill 469, the Student Privacy Protection bill. Appling released the following statement after testifying:

“This is an extremely important matter for public school students and their parents in Wisconsin. For the last year and a half, our office has been contacted by parents, grandparents and taxpayers from school districts throughout Wisconsin, all of them concerned about the liberties their school district policies are taking with children’s bodily privacy in bathrooms and locker rooms. Senator Steve Nass and Representative Jesse Kremer introduced Assembly Bill 469, which directs school districts to make the privacy of all children a priority. It limits sex-segregated restrooms to the members of the corresponding biological sex and requires districts to make single-stall facilities or faculty facilities available to any student—via an amendment—on the request of a parent or guardian.

“Testifying with me yesterday was Attorney Michael Dean, who has a great deal of experience in constitutional litigation and gave the committee important information on the bodily privacy rights of students. That is what this issue comes down to: personal bodily privacy for *all* students while using public school bathrooms and locker rooms.

“It became clear from expert testimony given during the hearing that the bill may require further clarification, particularly to ensure the protection of requests for access to the single-stall facility from open records or open meetings laws.

“WFA firmly believes that reasonably accommodating the needs of students who are uncomfortable using the bathrooms or changing rooms designated for their biological sex can be accomplished without completely ignoring the bodily privacy rights of all students, many of whom are underage. We believe that this bill, although it may require further clarification in some areas, appropriately balances the bodily privacy and personal needs of all students.”

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