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GOVERNOR WALKER SIGNS BILLS DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD & RESPECTING WISCONSIN TAXPAYERS

Bills redirect taxpayer dollars away from state's largest abortion provider

Madison – “We couldn’t agree with Governor Walker more,” said Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action. “As he noted at today’s billing signing, every taxpayer in Wisconsin, whether or not they are pro-life, should be pleased that with the signing of these bills millions of their hard-earned tax dollars will stop being used inefficiently and wastefully. And we would add, even fraudulently.”

Today, at a beautiful pregnancy resource center, Life’s Connection in Waukesha, Governor Scott Walker signed two bills into law, Assembly Bill 310 and Senate Bill 238. Assembly Bill 310 redirects federal Title X funds away from organizations that provide abortions and to other qualified health centers in the state. For the last 35 years, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has been the sole recipient of this money.

Senate Bill 238 stops organizations that provide abortions from overbilling the state for drugs they buy inexpensively through a Medicaid program and then dispense. For years, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has been billing the state at the highest possible reimbursement rate, regardless of what the drugs actually cost them. Some estimate that this overbilling is as much as \$4.5 million per year.

“For years Wisconsin taxpayers have watched millions of their hard-earned dollars go to organizations that provide abortions, the main recipient being Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, the state’s largest abortion provider. The bills signed today move us much closer to stopping this outrage of public funding for organizations that collectively since 1974 have killed over 540,000 of Wisconsin’s preborn citizens,” noted Appling.

The bills were co-authored by Sen. Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) and Rep. André Jacque (R-De Pere). Wisconsin Family Action thanks Rep. Jacque and Sen. Kapenga, the Assembly and Senate leadership, other supportive legislators, and Governor Walker, for making these bills a reality.

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