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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 260
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
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Thank you, Chairman Jacque and committee members, for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 260. Wisconsin Family Action supports this bill.

Wisconsin Family Action wholeheartedly supports the positions and points made by other pro-life leaders on this bill.

For too long the University of Wisconsin and University of Wisconsin Medical College have skirted at a minimum the spirit of the law that prohibits any public funding for abortion. The Memorandum of Understanding that is apparently currently in place directing the agreement between the UW and Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has happened because of perceived loopholes in the current law. Senate Bill 260 with its explicit language closes those loopholes, making it very clear that the UW and Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin are not to in any way use public monies to train medical residents to perform abortions or to “reimburse” the UW for faculty time.

We encourage committee members to carefully consider the reality of the Hoekstra-Coats Medical Training Nondiscrimination Act of 1995 (42 U.S.C. § 238n) that prohibits forcing individuals or programs to participate in abortion. This Act clearly decimates the argument that stopping this UW-Planned Parenthood relationship would mean the UW Medical College would lose its ACGME accreditation.

It’s time to stop this cozy relationship between the state’s largest abortion provider and the flagship school of our publicly funded UW System. Senate Bill 260 does just that.

Thank you for your attention and thoughtful consideration of our position on this proposal. Wisconsin Family Action urges you to support this bill and recommend it for passage by the full Senate.