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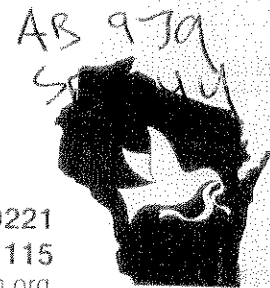
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< AB 979
SB 544 >

TO: Members, Wisconsin State Legislature

FROM: Matt Sande, Director of Legislative Affairs
Mary Matuska, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs

RE: Opposition to "The Women's Health and Education Act": LRB-4241/3

Pro-Life Wisconsin (PLW) urges you **NOT** to sign on as a co-sponsor to the so-called "*Women's Health and Education Act*" currently being circulated by Representatives Berceau, Sinicki, Pocan, Richards, Black, Pope-Roberts, Shilling, Taylor, Vruwink, Hebl, Wasserman, Turner and Miller.

Among several provisions in the bill, one requires hospitals to inform an alleged victim of sexual assault about "emergency contraception" (also known as the 'morning-after' pill) and to provide it upon her request. Another would apparently require pharmacies to stock the morning-after pill and other contraceptive drugs and require that at least one pharmacist be available in the pharmacy to dispense contraceptive articles, including emergency contraception.

Our opposition to this legislation is based in part on the abortion-causing action of so-called "emergency contraception." Emergency contraception is basically two high doses of the birth control pill taken within a 72-hour period. It can work in three ways: to suppress ovulation; to inhibit the mobility of sperm, and to alter the lining of the uterus so that a newly conceived child is unable to implant in the womb, thus starving and dying. This last action is chemical abortion.

Moreover, the above provisions are a clear violation of the free exercise of religion which would undermine the first amendment rights of Wisconsin's medical professionals. Health care professionals should not be forced to choose between their consciences and their livelihoods.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please call Matt Sande or Mary Matuska at our State Office: (262) 796-1111.