

**Asbjornson, Karen**

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**From:** Roessler, Carol  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2003 5:06 PM  
**To:** 'Augusta Area Nursing Home'  
**Subject:** RE: POA

Thank you for your email.

Due to the volume of emails I receive, I ask that all emails include a home address. This will ensure that my constituents receive the highest priority. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

CAROL ROESSLER

State Senator

Original Message-----

**From:** Augusta Area Nursing Home [mailto:aughome@presenter.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2003 4:57 PM  
**To:** sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** POA

Dear Senator Roessler, I am opposed to the Assembly Bill 67. It is my legal right to NOT let others allow me to be fed by a feeding tube or other life saving measures when there is no hope for me to live a life of quality. I am a social worker in a nursing home and I feel that the choices that a terminally ill resident makes when they are ready to die is one of their last choices and should be honored. The nursing homes, HOSPICE as well as other health care individuals should not be making additional attempts when I am ready to relieve my family from the stress that they will encounter. Maybe the senate health committee should fill out a survey to determine if any one of them have encountered a end of life issue and has to watch their loved one remain on life support against their wish. It is NOT pretty. Thank you in advance for accepting my opinion.  
Regards, Maria Lloyd, BSW

## Asbjornson, Karen

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**From:** Roessler, Carol  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 02, 2003 3:47 PM  
**To:** 'Cheryl Berst'  
**Subject:** RE: bill

Thank you for your email. Your email did not reference a particular bill. Thus, please email me the bill number or more about the subject of the bill you are have concerns with. Also, due to the volume of emails I receive, I ask that all emails include a home address. This will ensure that my constituents receive the highest priority. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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State Senator

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cheryl Berst [mailto:clberst@mail.co.marathon.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 01, 2003 8:08 AM  
**To:** sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** bill

I oppose the bill also it is another right taken from us. It should be the individuals decision

AB 67

**Asbjornson, Karen**

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**From:** Roessler, Carol  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2003 5:01 PM  
**To:** 'pdrolsom@YAHOO.COM'  
**Subject:** RE: Assembly Bill 67

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Sincerely,

CAROL ROESSLER

State Senator

-----Original Message-----

**From:** pdrolsom@YAHOO.COM [mailto:pdrolsom@YAHOO.COM]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2000 2:54 AM  
**To:** Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Assembly Bill 67

Dear Sen. Roessler:

My wife and I are strongly opposed to this bill, Assembly Bill 67, it is just another attempt to take away basic rights! Paul Drolsom

AB67

**Asbjornson, Karen**

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**From:** Roessler, Carol  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2003 8:24 AM  
**To:** 'harvey judy sokolow'  
**Subject:** RE: assembly bill 67

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Sincerely,

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State Senator

-----Original Message-----

**From:** harvey judy sokolow [mailto:hjsokolow@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2003 5:48 PM  
**To:** tim carpenter; robert jauch; charles chvala; judith robson; dale schultz; robert welch; ronald brown; ted kanavas; carol roessler  
**Subject:** assembly bill 67

I strongly urge you to consider the negative impact that passage of this bill would have on the future health care offerings of our state. Rights of the consumer, who are frequently women and children, should not be thrown away. This is a democracy and it is built upon knowledge and personal decision making. We are not a totalitarian society. Please consider the consequences, when we close doors to people's needs. Thank you. Judy Sokolow

10/28/2003

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**From:** Roessler, Carol  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2003 1:03 PM  
**To:** 'Wiegand'  
**Subject:** RE: Assembly Bill 67

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Sincerely,

CAROL ROESSLER, State Senator

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Wiegand [mailto:wiegand@cs.wisc.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2003 12:41 PM  
**To:** Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Cc:** Wiegand  
**Subject:** Assembly Bill 67

I am extremely opposed to Assembly Bill 67, "Denial of Health Care Bill". Women especially should have the ability to make informed decisions on their own medical conditions and be able to receive the treatments they personally decide are best for them. Other people's beliefs should not be pertinent here. Furthermore, denying pregnancy termination when the woman's life and health are in danger is totally unacceptable. Patients' living wills and other wishes must also be honored.

Thank you. It is unbelievable to me that such a bill is even under consideration.

Nancy Wiegand

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Roessler, Carol  
**Sent:** Friday, October 10, 2003 1:14 PM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: AB 67

CR email

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**Sent:** Friday, October 10, 2003 9:42 AM  
**To:** Carol.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** RE: AB 67

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>From: "Roessler, Carol" <Carol.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us>  
>To: 'Lisa Hardt' <naumps@hotmail.com>  
>Subject: RE: AB 67  
>Date: Mon, 6 Oct 2003 17:00:50 -0500

>  
>Thank you for your email.

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>Due to the volume of emails I receive, I ask that all emails include a home  
>address. This will ensure that my constituents receive the highest  
>priority.

>Your assistance is greatly appreciated. I look forward to your response.

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>Sincerely,

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>CAROL ROESSLER

>  
>State Senator

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Lisa Hardt [mailto:naumps@hotmail.com]  
>Sent: Monday, October 06, 2003 3:42 PM  
>To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
>Subject: AB 67

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>  
>Dear Senator Roessler:

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>I am deeply disturbed by Assembly Bill 67, the "Denial of Health Care" bill  
>and want my opposition to this bill counted during the public hearing.

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>Assembly Bill 67 would allow any doctor, nurse or other health care worker  
>to refuse to administer needed health care to pregnant women! Doctors, and  
>other health care workers, could also refuse to provide referrals for  
>medical services, medication, or prenatal care. Furthermore, AB 67 grants  
>immunity from liability to health care workers who deny these basic health  
>care services, leaving women harmed by such actions without any legal  
>recourse.

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>Under AB 67, pregnant women with epilepsy could be denied anti- seizure  
>medication; pregnant cancer patients could be denied chemotherapy; prenatal  
>care and tests, such as amniocentesis, can be denied to pregnant women; and  
>advanced directives, such as living wills, can be ignored. It defies common  
>sense why anyone would support a measure that would deny pregnant women  
>access to health care and medication--and then further deny her the right  
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>receive an explanation or referral to alternative medical providers.  
>Compromising women's health and well-being by denying them health care and  
>treating them as second class citizens is not a matter of conscience, it is  
>simply unconscionable.  
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>This bill is intentionally deceptive, and is couched in language such as  
>"conscience clause" and "anti-discrimination." The effect of this bill is  
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>discriminate against patients while simultaneously taking away any legal  
>protections a patient may have when harmed. Please support women's access  
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>basic health care, and oppose a bill that unconscionably threatens the  
>health of Wisconsin residents.  
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>Signed,  
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>Lisa M. Hardt  
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**Halbur, Jennifer**

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**From:** jpeppard1@charter.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 09, 2003 9:19 PM  
**To:** sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** I OPPOSE AB 67!

October 9, 2003

Dear Sen. Roessler,

I am deeply disturbed by Assembly Bill 67, the "Denial of Health Care" bill and want my opposition to this bill counted during the public hearing.

Assembly Bill 67 would allow any doctor, nurse or other health care worker to refuse to administer needed health care to pregnant women! Doctors, and other health care workers, could also refuse to provide referrals for medical services, medication, or prenatal care. Furthermore, AB 67 grants immunity from liability to health care workers who deny these basic health care services, leaving women harmed by such actions without any legal recourse.

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This bill is intentionally deceptive, and is couched in language such as "conscience clause" and "anti-discrimination." The effect of this bill is to discriminate against patients while simultaneously taking away any legal protections a patient may have when harmed. Please support women's access to basic health care, and oppose a bill that unconscionably threatens the health of Wisconsin residents.

Sincerely,

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## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** HBSandK@aol.com [mailto:HBSandK@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 09, 2003 5:25 PM  
**To:** sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** I OPPOSE AB 67!

October 9, 2003

Dear Sen. Roessler,

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Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Broekhuizen, Fredrik [mailto:fbroekhu@mail.mcw.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 10, 2003 12:42 PM  
**To:** sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Cc:** Chris.Taylor@ppwi.org  
**Subject:** AB 67

Dear sen Roessler, I am a professor of OB/GYN at the Medical College of Wisconsin and medical director of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. A major focus of my practice is prenatal diagnosis and care and counseling of patients who are pregnant with a family history of congenital disease, previous children with a birth defect or risk factors (medication, exposures) for birth of a diseased child. Every week I see pregnant patients with a variety of fetal conditions, some lethal, some correctible after birth, some associated with significant long term health consequences and handicaps.

I am writing you to express concerns re language in AB 67, line 9-11. It states "an experiment or medical procedure on a developing child in a natural or artificial womb, at any stage of development, that is not related to the beneficial treatment of the developing child." I am very concerned that this would include diagnostic procedures as ultrasound, amniocentesis, chorionic villus sampling and percutaneous blood sampling. It is standard medical practice (supported by national practice guidelines) to be offered to patients at increased risk for fetal disease and anomalies. It is the choice of the patients to undergo these tests and it is the choice of the patient and physician to determine an appropriate course of action after an abnormal test result. Incidentally, most patients find reassuring results. There are certain rare genetic conditions where parents only opt for a pregnancy since they can be reassured by this testing that a future child will not suffer an early childhood death after a short life of pain (which they may have experienced with a previous child). The most common reasons for this testing is patients at risk for Down Syndrome or Spina Bifida. Most patients are reassured. Diagnosing these conditions does not only create the option of a pregnancy termination, it allows for patients to prepare for the birth of a handicapped child or for corrective surgery after birth.

I know there is a small minority of health care providers that considers all these tests not necessary since their belief system does not condone abortion under any circumstances. They feel that patients therefore need to be denied these tests and this legislation would provide them legal "cover" under a conscience clause not to counsel or offer these tests to their patients, who therefore will then obtain substandard care and certainly are not allowed to draw their own conclusions about these tests. There clearly are patients-again a minority-who opt not to have any of these tests after counseling and education. These tests and potential prenatal and postnatal treatments need to be completely separated from the possible option of a pregnancy termination for the diagnosis of a fetal anomaly.

I could give you many more detailed examples of situations where, if physicians would be allowed not to discuss these tests or not offer them at all or not be expected to refer to another physician with no personal moral objection to these tests, pregnant patients medical care would become substandard and patients would confront potentially preventable medical disasters.

My position is that "if physicians have a moral objection to

counseling about or performing prenatal diagnostic procedures, they have a professional obligation to refer that patient to a colleague who does not have that objection. "Women in this state are not well served by this legislation. The abortion issue is not as black and white as it is depicted by the "pro-life" ant-choice advocates. I can tell you that the real victims of oversimplification of the abortion issue are patients who are confronting a risk for serious maternal or fetal disease or are diagnosed with a serious maternal or fetal disease in their pregnancy. It is unacceptable that they would be denied diagnostic or therapeutic procedures (and indeed in some cases a medically indicated pregnancy termination) because legislation as AB 67 Please feel free to call me any time for more detail. Unfortunately I am unable to testify for your committee. My home nr is 414-964-3647, my work number 414-805-6624.

Fredrik F

Broekhuizen, MD

October 7, 2003

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Sincerely,

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## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Billend2@wmconnect.com  
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**To:** Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Cc:** Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Assembly Bill 67

We are opposed to Bill 67 in any way as it is truly demeaning to Wisconsin Women. Please pass this on to your associates and let them know how we feel in this matter.

Bill and Judy Endle  
Madison, WI

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 27, 2003 2:59 PM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: AB 67

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-----Original Message-----

From: Doug White [mailto:douglas2white@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2003 1:37 PM  
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
Subject: AB 67

Dear Senator Roessler,

I urge you to oppose AB 67, the denial of health care bill. It could prevent my family from getting needed health care, even when their lives are in danger. It allows providers to ignore patients' living wills and end of life instructions. Please join the State Medical Society in opposing this bill.

Sincerely,

Doug White,  
Madison, WI

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Doug White  
douglas2white@yahoo.com

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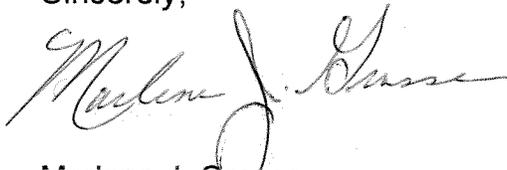
Senator Carol Roessler, Chair  
8 South, Capitol  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Roessler:

I am writing with regard to Assembly Bill 67, the "Denial of Health Care Bill". I never realized that hatred of women ran so deep.

Needless to say, I am vehemently opposed to Bill 67.

Sincerely,



Marlene J. Grosse  
1805 Gilbert Road  
Madison, WI 53711

cc: Senator Ted Kanavas  
Senator Ronald Brown  
Senator Robert Welch  
Senator Dale Schultz  
Senator Judith Robson  
Senator Charles Chvala  
Senator Robert Jauch  
Senator Tim Carpenter

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Kurtz, Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 25, 2003 3:23 PM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: Assembly Bill 67

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-----Original Message-----

From: Shari Hervig [mailto:sharihervig@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2003 11:36 AM  
To: Senator Ronald Brown; Senator Tim Carpenter; Senator Charles Chvala;  
Senator Robert Jauch; Senator Ted Kanavas; Senator Judith Robson;  
Senator Carol Roessler; Senator Dale Schultz  
Subject: Assembly Bill 67

Dear Senator,

I would like to encourage you to vigorously oppose Assembly Bill 67. I do not wish my end-of-life decisions to be remanded by someone who simply does not agree with my wishes. I do not wish information on legal health options held back from me simply because the health care provider does not agree with that particular law. I do not wish to have to shop around to find a pharmacy that will provide my medications simply because the pharmacy staff does not agree with the taking of those medications.

Those in the health care and related professions must offer me the very best health care options available. If I need a blood transfusion, I should not be left to bleed to death. If my pregnancy is going to kill me, I should know that and know about the options of terminating it. If I choose no heroic efforts be made when I am dying, no one has the right to deny me my choice. If patient needs conflict with a provider's conscience, the provider needs to find another profession.

Thank you.

Sharon Hervig  
5818 Tolman Terr.  
Madison, WI 53711

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## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Kurtz, Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 25, 2003 11:06 AM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: Assembly Bill 67

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Nykoruk [mailto:amcc@eceserv0.ece.wisc.edu]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2003 10:11 PM  
To: Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Brown@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Welch@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Schultz@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Chvala@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Jauch@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Carpenter@legis.state.wi.us  
Subject: Assembly Bill 67

Dear Senators,  
I am writing to express this voter's opinion that Assembly Bill 67 is an outrage against the rights of women. I urge you to vigorously oppose this measure should it reach the Senate floor for a vote.

Barbara Nykoruk  
3407 Viburnum Dr.  
Madison WI 53705

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** JUDITH E PASCH [jpasch@students.wisc.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2003 8:20 AM  
**To:** Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Brown@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Welch@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Schultz@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Chvala@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Jauch@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Carpenter@legis.state.wi.us  
**Cc:** Sen.Risser@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Assembly Bill 67

To: Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care  
From: Judith E. and James W. Pasch  
23 Red Maple Trail  
Madison, WI 53717-1515  
(608) 833-3696  
jpasch@wisc.edu

Re: Assembly Bill 67, aka "Denial of Health Care Bill"

Date: September 18, 2003

I received information from State Senator Fred A. Risser regarding Assembly Bill 67 which proposes that "health care professionals and workers are permitted to refuse to participate in selected health care treatments for moral or religious reasons."

As a Lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the Department of Consumer Sciences, School of Human Ecology, I argue against such measures limiting the rights of a patients with regard to the denial of information-especially for women on pregnancy termination-and for all consumers, the importance of obtaining and signing advance directives for end-of-life issues. I am appalled that the State of Wisconsin, known historically for its progressive-mindedness, would even consider denying consumers their right to information and choice in the marketplace of health care.

Along with Senator Fred Risser, "I vigorously oppose this measure" and wish to be kept informed of when this bill is scheduled for a public hearing. I intend to keep faculty members and students of consumer affairs informed of this legislation "designed to attack the rights and erode the health care options of women" and all consumers.

Sincerely,  
Judith E. Pasch  
Lecturer and Doctoral Student  
Consumer Science Department  
School of Human Ecology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1300 Linden Drive  
Madison, WI 53706

September 19, 2003

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Joe Lusson  
480 N. Baldwin Street #6  
Madison WI 53703

Sen. Carol Roessler  
8 South  
Capitol  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison WI 53707-7882

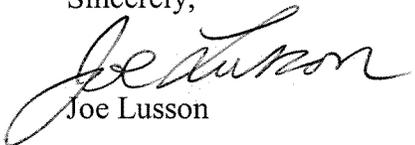
Dear Sen. Roessler:

If Assembly Bill 67, the "Denial of Health Care Bill," comes up for a vote, I urge you to vote against it. As a Wisconsin native, I would be appalled if our elected state leaders were to pass such a heartless and invasive measure.

The relationship between doctor, health care staff and patient should be guided by medical need and the personal desires of the patient and his or her family, not by the whim of a punitive political trend.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Lusson

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**MILLARD EISLER**  
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**MADISON, WISCONSIN 53719**

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**HOME: (608) 277-7856**

Saturday September 20, 2003  
Senator Carol Roessler  
8 South, Capitol  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Roessler,

This letter's purpose is to urge your opposition to Assembly Bill 67, the "Denial of Health Care Bill", recently referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term care.

It is my opinion, and also the judgment of the Wisconsin State Medical Society, that this extreme proposal severely threatens our current law on medical ethics. This is because, even when a woman's life and health are in danger, it permits a hospital or its employees to deny referrals or information on pregnancy termination. It also, tragically, ignores patients' living wills and advanced instructions regarding end of life issues.

Please vote against this appalling legislation.

Sincerely yours,



Millard Eisler

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Susan Daugherty [kdaugherty@madison.k12.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2003 4:44 PM  
**To:** Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Welch@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Schultz@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Chvala@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Jauch@legis.state.wi.us; SenCarpenter@legis.state.wi.us  
**Cc:** Sen.Risser@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Denial of Health Care Bill

I strongly oppose Assembly Bill 67, the "Denial of Health Care Bill." It would be a big mistake to allow health care professional and workers to decide which treatments they will or will not give patients according to their own moral or religious beliefs.

I understand that the State Medical Society opposes this bill. Enough said.

Women have worked hard to get equal rights to control their own bodies. Please do not make it easier to oppress them.

In addition, people who do not want to be resuscitated when they have no hope of living a longer healthy life should not have their own decisions gainsayed.

Please oppose this retrograde measure.

Susan Daugherty  
509 Hillington Way  
Madison, WI 53726

**Halbur, Jennifer**

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**From:** Margaret Welke [MWELKE@wmmb.org]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2003 9:17 AM

**To:** Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Brown@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Welch@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Schultz@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us;  
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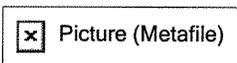
**Cc:** Senator Fred Risser

**Subject:** Assembly Bill 67

I am strongly opposed to this measure. Government needs to get out of the business of legislating what people do to/with their bodies. Women should most assuredly have easy and I would add, free access in this country to birth control and abortion. And everyone should have the right to end their life as they see fit.

I have cancer.

I am appalled at the very notion that others could ignore living wills and instructions regarding end of life issues.



Margaret J. Welke  
410 Clemons Avenue  
Madison, WI 53704  
608.246.2159

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** pdrolsom@YAHOO.COM  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2000 5:49 AM  
**To:** Carol.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Re:RE: Assembly Bill 67

Home address: Paul Drolsom, 310 Marinette Trl., Madison, WI 53705

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FROM : "Roessler, Carol" <Carol.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us>  
DATE : Mon 09/22/2003 03:01:24 PDT  
SUBJECT: RE: Assembly Bill 67  
Thank you for your email.

Due to the volume of emails I receive, I ask that all emails include a home address. This will ensure that my constituents receive the highest priority. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

CAROL ROESSLER

State Senator

-----Original Message-----

From: pdrolsom@YAHOO.COM [mailto:pdrolsom@YAHOO.COM]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2000 2:54 AM  
To: Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
Subject: Assembly Bill 67

Dear Sen. Roessler:

My wife and I are strongly opposed to this bill, Assembly Bill 67, it is just another attempt to take away basic rights! Paul Drolsom

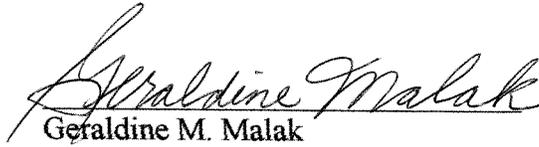
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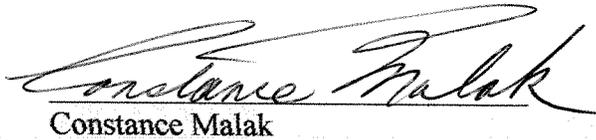
September 18, 2003  
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Middleton, WI 53562

Senator Carol Roessler, Chair  
8 South, State Capitol  
Senate Committee on Health, Children, Aging & Long-Term Care  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Roessler:

We oppose Assembly Bill 67, the "Denial of Health Care Bill." It attacks and erodes the health care options of women.

  
Geraldine M. Malak

  
Constance Malak

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2003 9:49 AM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: AB-67 "Denial of Health Care Bill"

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Karen Asbjornson  
Office of Senator Carol Roessler  
(608) 266-5300/1-888-736-8720  
Karen.Asbjornson@legis.state.wi.us

-----Original Message-----

From: James C. Allen [mailto:jcallen1@wisc.edu]  
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2003 9:03 AM  
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
Subject: AB-67 "Denial of Health Care Bill"

Please oppose AB 67 that would deny health care to citizens of Wisconsin.

Please note that this Bill is also opposed the Medical Society of Wisconsin.

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James C. Allen MD  
1223 Wellesley Road  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-2231  
(608) 233-8798  
jcallen1@wisc.edu

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2003 10:38 AM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: AB 67  
CR email

Karen Asbjornson  
Office of Senator Carol Roessler  
(608) 266-5300/1-888-736-8720  
Karen.Asbjornson@legis.state.wi.us

-----Original Message-----

**From:** DENTDJ@aol.com [mailto:DENTDJ@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2003 10:35 AM  
**To:** Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Cc:** DENTDJ@aol.com  
**Subject:** AB 67

Senator Roessler,

This Email is being sent to register my opposition to AB 67, the "Denial of Health Care Bill". As a Wisconsin citizen, I consider this bill a threat to patient rights and to women of Wisconsin. Medical providers and legislative bodies should not impose their beliefs on, and make choices for, other people. They are not in the God business.

If you truly care for the rights of your constituents and the people of Wisconsin, you will ensure that AB 67 never comes up for a vote. As Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care you can make it happen.

Sincerely,  
Paula Dent  
Madison

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2003 12:21 PM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: Assembly Bill 67

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Karen Asbjornson  
Office of Senator Carol Roessler  
(608) 266-5300/1-888-736-8720  
Karen.Asbjornson@legis.state.wi.us

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Preciousisgreat@aol.com [mailto:Preciousisgreat@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 19, 2003 11:06 PM  
**To:** Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Assembly Bill 67

Dear Sen. Roessler,  
I am totally opposed to Assembly Bill 67 which would allow health care personnel to deny me the health care my doctor and I deem necessary.

Nancy Graham  
26 South Meadows Drive  
Appleton, WI 54915

John K. Driscoll  
5001 Flad Avenue  
Madison, WI 53711-3619

608-274-0996  
papajohn@inexpress.net

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September 19, 2003

Senator Carol Roessler, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care  
8 South, Capitol  
P. O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Roessler,

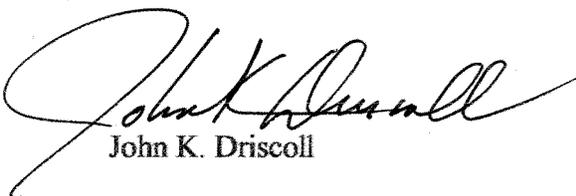
Please let me register my opposition to Assembly Bill 67 which has been sent to your committee.

Health care professionals and workers have the responsibility to provide to members of the public the health care the public has the right to expect from persons licensed or certified by the state of Wisconsin to do that.

Legislation that permits health care professionals and workers to pick and choose which services they will provide is not legislation in the interests of the people of the state.

Please consider the above and vote against passage when this matter is brought before your committee.

Thank you,

  
John K. Driscoll

**Halbur, Jennifer**

**From:** Asbjorn  
**Sent:** Monda  
**To:** Halbur,  
**Subject:** FW: Re

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Karen Asbjornson  
Office of Senator Carol Ro  
(608) 266-5300/1-888-736-8  
Karen.Asbjornson@legis.sta

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*Senator Carol Roessler,*

-----Original Message-----

From: Erik Breilid [mailto:  
Sent: Saturday, September 1  
To: Sen.Roessler@legis.stat  
Sen.Brown@legis.state.wi.us  
Sen.Schultz@legis.state.wi.  
Sen.Chvala@legis.state.wi.t  
Sen.Carpenter@legis.state.v  
Subject: Re Assembly Bill 67

*Please oppose the Assembly Bill 67  
should it reach the floor for  
a vote.*

Dear Senator, Senate Commit  
and Long Term Care: I am wi  
oppose this bill, AB 67, ir  
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and the young. This right s  
anyone else. I CALL ON YOU  
IS AIMED AT TAKING RIGHTS P

*Thank you,*

*Marilyn Dodd  
Madison, WI*

Sincerely, Erik B. Breilid

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Erik Breilid  
Acquisitions and Serials De  
Central Technical Services,  
University of Wisconsin-Mad  
728 State Street  
Madison, WI 53706-1494, U.S

PHONE: (608)-262-6500 FAX:

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2003 8:35  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: Assembly Bill 67  
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Karen Asbjornson  
Office of Senator Carol Roessler  
(608) 266-5300/1-888-736-8720  
Karen.Asbjornson@legis.state.wi.us

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Leah Dudley [mailto:leah@chorus.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2003 7:20 PM  
**To:** sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us; sen.schultz@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Fw: Assembly Bill 67

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Leah Dudley  
**To:** [sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us) ; [sen.kanavas@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:sen.kanavas@legis.state.wi.us) ; [sen.brown@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:sen.brown@legis.state.wi.us) ;  
[sen.welch@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:sen.welch@legis.state.wi.us) ; [sen.schulz@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:sen.schulz@legis.state.wi.us) ; [sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us) ;  
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**Cc:** [sen.risser@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:sen.risser@legis.state.wi.us)  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2003 7:13 PM  
**Subject:** Assembly Bill 67

Dear Senators:

I am writing to you because of your role on the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care. I would like to express my strong opposition to Assembly Bill 67, the "Denial of Health Bill". I believe that it is absolutely wrong to put the moral and/or religious values of health care professionals above those of the patients that they serve.

Sincerely,  
Leah Dudley  
2917 Wimbledon Way  
Madison, WI 53713



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September 9, 2003

**Milwaukee County**  
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Senator Carol Roessler, Chair  
Health, Children, Families, Aging, and Long Term Care Committee  
State Capitol, 8-S  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Roessler:

On behalf of the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging, I am writing this letter to urge your opposition to AB 67. This proposed legislation would significantly affect Wisconsin's Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. Advocates for older adults spent years in obtaining the current durable power of attorney for health care, and it would be a major loss to older adults if this were lost. Therefore, we are asking that a hearing on this bill not be scheduled.

As you know, AB 67 would protect physicians from discipline if they chose not to transfer a patient despite the fact that the patient had invoked a power of attorney for health care to obtain care other than the care selected by the physician. This bill would create a health care environment whereby an ill patient would be unable to obtain the desired medical care that the patient had chosen.

In addition to the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging, the bill is opposed by the Medical Society of Wisconsin, the AARP, the Hospice Organization and Palliative Experts of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Nurses Association, Wisconsin Association of School Nurses, Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations, the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin, and others. Clearly, it is a mistaken legislative proposal that could be very detrimental to all of your constituents, but particularly those who are elderly and have used the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care instrument to make their health care wishes known.

We thank you in advance for your opposition to AB 67, and we are confident that you will not schedule a hearing on this bill.

Sincerely,

Karen Robison, Chair  
Milwaukee County Commission on Aging.

235 West Galena Street, Suite 180 • Milwaukee, WI 53212-3948

The mission of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging is to affirm the dignity and value of older adults of this county by supporting their choices for living in and giving to our community.

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2003 8:38 AM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: Assembly Bill 67 -- Health Care and End of Life  
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Karen Asbjornson  
Office of Senator Carol Roessler  
(608) 266-5300/1-888-736-8720  
Karen.Asbjornson@legis.state.wi.us

-----Original Message-----

**From:** kramlingj@aol.com [mailto:kramlingj@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2003 8:37 AM  
**To:** Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Brown@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Welch@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Schultz@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Chvala@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Jauch@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Carpenter@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Assembly Bill 67 -- Health Care and End of Life Instructions

I oppose Assembly Bill 67, unless it is reconstructed to protect the personal health care wishes of patients to declare their living will and instructions regarding end of life issues. Please consider amendments that would insure these patient rights under any circumstances, or scrap the bill entirely.

Thanks for you consideration.

James A Kramlinger  
604 N. Westfield Rd.  
Madison, Wi. 53717

## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2003 10:36 AM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: Block Expansion of Conscience Clause

CR email fyi - not constit (TX!)

Karen Asbjornson  
Office of Senator Carol Roessler  
(608) 266-5300/1-888-736-8720  
Karen.Asbjornson@legis.state.wi.us

-----Original Message-----

From: Louie Baldwin [mailto:itzacid@cableone.net]  
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2003 12:25 AM  
To: Senator Carol Roessler  
Subject: Block Expansion of Conscience Clause

Louie Baldwin  
6239 Summerhill Place  
Texarkana, TX 75503

September 8, 2003

Senator Carol Roessler  
Room 8 South  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Roessler:

I am writing to request that you oppose AB 67. This bill would expand religious exemptions for healthcare providers by granting unconstitutional privileges to doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care professionals to act on alleged religious beliefs to deny services to consumers. Such a policy violates our First Amendment's Freedom of Religion clause by aligning government policy with religious teachings despite difference of opinions among our citizens.

Health care providers have chosen to do business in the state and thereby to comply with commercial standards. Passing AB 67 would be similar to providing state sanction to the lunch counter operators who refused to serve African Americans or giving government authorization to the bus companies who refused to have African American customers in the front seats of their buses. It would be the same as government going along with landlords who refuse to rent to couples who are not married. Religious teachings of the few may not have government sanction for those who operate in business.

I urge you to vote oppose AB 67.

Sincerely,

Louie Baldwin

**Halbur, Jennifer**

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**From:** Bassel Hajj [bhajj@mn.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 31, 2003 9:38 AM  
**To:** Senator Carol Roessler  
**Subject:** Block Expansion of Conscience Clause

Bassel Hajj  
3917 Garfield Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55409

August 31, 2003

Senator Carol Roessler  
Room 8 South  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

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I urge you to vote oppose AB 67.

Sincerely,

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## Halbur, Jennifer

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2003 12:13 PM  
**To:** Halbur, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: Block Expansion of Conscience Clause

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August 25, 2003

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**From:** Asbjornson, Karen  
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July 30, 2003

Senator Carol Roessler  
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Dear Senator Roessler:

I am writing to express my anger and alarm over AB 67, the "conscience clause" bill, of which you are the leading Senate cosponsor.

As a public health professional, I am deeply concerned about access to healthcare. Access to care is not only part of the widely acknowledged right to health (this right is codified in several international human rights documents), but is key to our national health agenda (Healthy People 2010). It is also an ethical issue. Every individual deserves access to quality care provided by competent, compassionate, and ethical physicians who will respect and honor his/her wishes as a patient. Unfortunately, access to such care is already severely limited, due to economic constraints and other barriers.

AB 67 would limit access to competent, compassionate, and ethical care in many ways, particularly for several vulnerable populations. The no-referral clause limits elderly patients' abilities to have their decisions about end-of-life care honored, because a physician who will not honor these wishes has no obligation to refer the patient elsewhere. The no-referral clause allows a physician to disregard a patient's power of attorney, and does not require the physician to transfer the patient to another provider. The no-referral clause limits a woman's ability to terminate her pregnancy, because if a physician will not perform a termination procedure, he/she would not have to refer the woman elsewhere.

To access physicians who would respect their wishes, many vulnerable patients would have to navigate the healthcare system themselves, a daunting and often impossible task. Having spent time in a Community Health Center and in a Genetic Counseling center, I have encountered patients who, because of socioeconomic status, language barriers, and other issues, required assistance and referrals to access the care that they needed and wanted. What if the staff at these facilities had, because of personal beliefs, been unwilling not only to treat but also to refer? These patients might have gone without needed care, in order to avoid physicians who would not honor their wishes. These patients would not have been able to realize their healthcare choices, because they lacked the resources and abilities to navigate the system themselves.

As a Wisconsin Senator, and particularly as the Chair of the Senate Health Committee, you are obligated to increase access to care for all Wisconsinites, particularly for vulnerable populations. In supporting AB 67, you are not fulfilling this obligation. AB 67 would limit access to care because it allows physicians to refuse certain treatments based on personal beliefs, and does not require them to refer patients elsewhere for treatment.

Wisconsin's healthcare system is currently conducive to widespread access to care. With many excellent, ethical healthcare providers and medical institutions, individuals can usually access the care that they need and desire. Public insurance programs such as Badgercare offer comprehensive low-cost coverage, thus increasing access to care. It is upsetting for me, as a public health professional, a Wisconsin resident, and a patient, to know that AB 67 may soon limit access to care in our state.

I hope you and your Health Committee colleagues will realize that AB 67 would be detrimental to access to care in Wisconsin. Please reconsider your support for this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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