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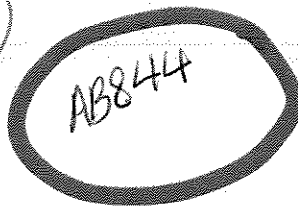
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**THE BLOOD CENTER**  
OF SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN, INC.



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February 11, 2004

Senator Carol Roessler  
State Capital Room 8 South  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Re: Allowing a religious exemption when applying for benefits from the hemophilia treatment program.

Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care  
hearing on consideration of the above proposed legislation.

Dear Senator Roessler,

On behalf of The Blood Center of Southeastern Wisconsin, I am writing to express our support for passage of legislation allowing a religious exemption when applying for benefits from the hemophilia treatment program.

The Blood Center is a non-stock, not-profit charitable organization providing blood and blood products to 57% of our state's hospitals, including clotting factor products for persons with hemophilia, to hospitals and individuals in Wisconsin. Hemophilia is a lifelong disease, and without access to factor replacement therapy, patients suffer significant long-term complications.

We understand that some Wisconsin residents, for religious reasons, do not participate in Medicaid or other healthcare coverage programs sponsored by the state. Allowing these individuals to request a waiver of that requirement in order to enroll in the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program would provide them with access to the products needed for effective treatment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Fredrick  
President and Chief Executive Officer