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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WISCONSIN
MEDICAID FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER

1 WHEREAS, low-income women who were not pregnant or did not
2 have two children were ineligible for health care services under
3 Medicaid or Badger Care in the past; and

4 WHEREAS, Wisconsin received a waiver, effective January 1,
5 2003, from the federal government to expand access to family
6 planning health care to women who are between the ages of 15-44,
7 have a Social Security number, are a Wisconsin resident and have
8 an income less than \$1384; and

9 WHEREAS, some services provided under this waiver are breast
10 and cervical cancer screens, contraceptive counseling and
11 services, pregnancy testing and treatment of sexually transmitted
12 infections (see Attachment "A"); and

13 WHEREAS, hospitals and health centers that provide services
14 using the waiver can not perform or counsel in favor of
15 abortions; and

16 WHEREAS, this waiver allows an additional 47,000 women to
17 have free reproductive health care; and

18 WHEREAS, this waiver can help college women because their
19 eligibility is based upon their income without the addition of
20 their parents' income when determining if they qualify the income
21 requirements; and

22 WHEREAS, legislation is currently before the Wisconsin
23 Senate Committee for Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-
24 Term Care (SB 186) and the Assembly Committee on Family Law (AB
25 383) to remove women between the ages of 15-17 from the waiver
26 (see Attachment "B"); and

27 WHEREAS, making teenage women ineligible would place the
28 entire waiver program in danger because in obtaining the waiver
29 Wisconsin committed to reducing teen pregnancy; and

30 WHEREAS, this would make the program not in compliance with
31 the application and therefore could result in the loss of federal
32 funds for this program; and

33 WHEREAS, the loss of this program would hurt college
34 students; and

35 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-
36 Eau Claire Student Senate supports the Wisconsin Medicaid Family
37 Planning Waiver; and

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose the proposed changes
39 to the Wisconsin Medicaid Waiver; and

40 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Klenz
41 transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Donald Mash,
42 Chancellor; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dr.

43 Kimberly Barrett; Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Development
44 and Diversity; Robert Shaw, Associate Dean, Student Development
45 and Diversity; Senator Ron Brown; Senator Dave Zien; Assemblyman
46 Robin Kreibich; Assemblyman Larry Balow; Representative Carol
47 Owens, Chair, Assembly Committee on Family Law; Representative
48 Steve Kestell, Vice Chairperson, Assembly Committee on Family
49 Law; Members of the Assembly Committee on Family Law; Senator
50 Carol Roessler, Chair, Wisconsin Senate Committee on Health,
51 Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care; and Members of the
52 Wisconsin Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging
53 and Long-Term Care.

Submitted by:

Sandra Boone, Student Services Commission Director
and On-Campus Senator

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October 13, 2003

Halbur, Jennifer

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sen.kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us; sen.schultz@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Family Planning Waiver

Dear Members of the Senate Health Committee,
The Family Planning Waiver is good for women's health, it empowers low-income women and it is good financially for the state of Wisconsin in that it screens for life-threatening diseases in women, and prevents many unwanted pregnancies. We at Medical Students for Choice-Medical College of Wisconsin Chapter are in full support of the Family Planning Waiver and we oppose SB186. Tomorrow, we encourage you to vote against SB186 during the committee hearing.

Sincerely,
Owen Anderson
Medical Students for Choice
Medical College of Wisconsin Chapter

Halbur, Jennifer

From: cmtenuta@yahoo.com
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To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

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Contact Date: 10/13/2003

Contact Type: E-mail

Summary: Family Planning Waiver

Issue:

Position:

Description: Senator Carol Roessler
 State Capitol, Room 8 South
 PO Box 7882
 Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Roessler,

I am writing to ask you to save the Family Planning Waiver in the Senate Health Committee on Tuesday, October 14. Oppose those who are seeking to exclude young women from the Waiver through S.B. 186. Legislators supporting S.B. 186 have misused our democratic process and excluded the public from debate.

I support Wisconsin's Family Planning Waiver because it provides vital reproductive health care to thousands of women who lack insurance, and because it is estimated to reduce the teen pregnancy rate by 15%. Preventing teen pregnancy is highly cost effective. In a time of fiscal crisis, it is simply irresponsible to dismantle a successful program that is 90% funded by the federal government. The Family Planning Waiver program is estimated to save Wisconsin taxpayers millions over the next five years.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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FOR SENATOR ROESSLER

Seaquist, Sara

To: Halbur, Jennifer

Subject: FW: Family Planning Waiver Testimony

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To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us

Cc: sen.harsdorf@legis.state.wi.us

Subject: Family Planning Waiver Testimony

Senator Roessler,

Please read the attached as testimony to the hearing on the Family Planning Waiver tomorrow, Oct 14.

Thank You, Ellen Butts

10/14/2003

**PIERCE COUNTY
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

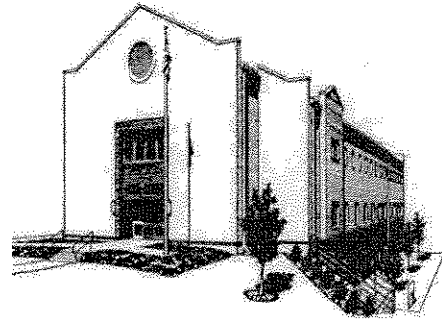
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October 13, 2003

Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care
Senator Carol Roessler, Chair

Assembly Committee on Family Law
Representative Carol Owens, Chair

Thank You for taking the time for public comment regarding the Family Planning Demonstration Project.

As a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, I would urge you to keep the Family Planning Waiver intact as it was originally passed. I see daily the need for this Waiver. Low-income women and families are struggling and many have no other source of health care. Often their annual Reproductive health visit is their ONLY source of health care.

The Family Planning Waiver has, to date, provided basic preventive health care to over 31,158 low-income, uninsured and underinsured women. This includes screening for breast and cervical cancer, sexually transmitted disease detection and treatment, and access to birth control. In a Public Health setting, such as mine, this also includes pregnancy testing, referral to prenatal care providers, and access to other Public Health programs such as WIC, immunizations, Public Health nursing, and Social Services.

The Federal government pays 90% of all costs of the program, and attracts \$7.6 million into our state. In addition, the Waiver will save Wisconsin taxpayers \$17 million dollars over the five year span of the program.

At a time when Wisconsin is experiencing budget deficits, and it's citizens are losing jobs and health benefits daily, it is incredible that this legislature would risk losing the entire waiver by eliminating the 15-17 year olds from eligibility.

The rates of teen pregnancy in Wisconsin, more specifically in Milwaukee are the 2nd highest in the nation!!! Eighty five percent of teen births in Wisconsin are paid for by Wisconsin taxpayers (MA). In 2000 there were 7,081 teen births in Wisconsin at an average cost of \$9,000 each. The taxpayer dollars spent are mind boggling!!! (And as a WI taxpayer this is very troubling to me!) By keeping the Family Planning Waiver intact, we can avert many of these teen pregnancies/births. In my clinic over 50% of the teens seen are brought in by, or are seen with the permission of their parents. If teens are eliminated from participating in the Waiver, there is NO provision to continue to provide family planning/reproductive health services to these struggling families.

Restricting young women from eligibility in the family planning waiver will result in an increase in teen pregnancies/births, and will also result in an increase in sexually transmitted disease that will affect their future fertility. Teen pregnancy is costly, both socially and financially. We need to break the cycle of poverty for these young women by providing them a future that may include children and family at a later date when they have had the opportunity to educate themselves and are able to properly provide for them.

It was originally estimated that 47,000 women would receive family planning services under the Family Planning Waiver throughout the five years of the project. These women would not have received services otherwise. The fact that over 31,000 women have received services in the first 9 months of the program demonstrates the need of the women of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's family planning program averts 24,200 unintended pregnancies and 12,100 abortions each year.

The Family Planning Waiver has had Bi-partisan support. One of the original intents of the Waiver was to reduce teen pregnancy in Wisconsin, and to help get people off welfare and to work as part of the W-2 program. Government should not erect barriers to teens that are trying to act responsibly by seeking information, assistance, and medical care.

As a woman, Mother, Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner and most of all as a Wisconsin taxpayer, I urge you to think about the needs of our young women AS WELL AS the fiscal needs of our state. I think maintaining the Family Planning Waiver for ALL of Wisconsin's women is imperative! Please vote to maintain the Wisconsin Family Planning Waiver.

Thank You

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Pierce County Public Health
Reproductive Health Program

Story originally printed in the La Crosse Tribune or online at <http://www.lacrossetribune.com>

Commentary: Teens need reproductive health services

By SHARON HAMPSON La Crosse

Wouldn't it be nice if all teenage girls and their parents had such good relationships that they could communicate openly about sensitive issues like sex?

Is that the case with families in Wisconsin today? Some of the time, sure, but there are lots of families that don't work that well. That is why the Family Planning Waiver program offers health care and birth control services to women 15-44 years old who can't afford to pay for the care themselves.

Young women do need protection. Unfortunately, they don't always get it from their parents. A majority of teenage women who seek reproductive health care have been sexually assaulted, sometimes by the very parents from whom we are asking them to seek permission. We have to acknowledge the fact that not all families are like ours.

In 1997, the state of Wisconsin requested a change in Medicare rules that would make more women eligible for health care. It was passed with bipartisan support, and signed by then-Gov. Tommy Thompson, who continues to support it today. The goal was to reduce unplanned pregnancy and abortions.

The objection is that birth control information goes to underage women without parental consent. If the minimum age is raised from 15 to 18, the plan has to be rewritten with different criteria and resubmitted for approval. President Bush has made it clear that no more family planning programs will be approved. This comes from the same administration that plans to fight AIDS in Africa without mentioning condoms.

That means that local government will have to fill the funding gap or stop offering services. Do teenagers stop having sex because we take away the health care? Of course not.

Instead, they go ahead with their unplanned pregnancies or abortions. The majority (85 percent) of teenage pregnancies are paid for by Wisconsin taxpayers. Losing the Family Planning Waiver also means that 47,000 women will no longer get regular exams, cancer screening and treatment, or STD testing and treatment. This perpetuates a two-tier health care system, in which those that can afford to go to clinics will be safer and healthier than those who cannot afford to go.

Family planning programs work, lowering teen pregnancies by 15 percent. For every dollar spent on prevention, the health care system saves \$3. Teenagers with unintended pregnancies often drop out of school and then go on to live in poverty. Then, the community pays in other programs, like WIC, immunizations, and programs involved in raising low-income children and supporting their families.

Unplanned children often end up in child protective services and the juvenile justice system.

Other bills before the legislature include one that allows pharmacists to refuse to fill a prescription if it is against their moral beliefs. A similar bill applies to other health care providers; that one also covers living wills, allowing doctors to ignore patients' requests. Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem, says these are "very personal issues" for health care providers. Are they not even more personal to the patient?

One bill prohibits a procedure that does not happen in real life: It extends equal rights to a fetus that survives an abortion. Another defines marriage as between one woman and one man. My favorite bill is one I call "The Right to Lie." In this one, a medical person can withhold the results of a prenatal test from the mother if he or she thinks it may result in termination of the pregnancy. An ultrasound may discover a fatal condition in your unborn baby, your life may even be placed at risk, and you may not be told about it. The decision will be made for you.

A pattern emerges: special interest groups behind these bills are trying to eliminate abortions and birth control. They believe that they are the same thing. They want to return us to the barefoot-and-pregnant gold standard of the 1940s and '50s. Women will lose not only educational and career opportunities and ability to control their fertility, but will lose their voice in society. What's next: burkas? Is it the function of government to establish moral standards and micromanage every aspect of a citizen's life?

We would all like to protect young women from the harsh realities of life. When that can't happen, government needs to help. That is why we need to save the Family Planning Waiver and fight against these other efforts to take away our health care.

What can you do? Contact your representative and senator: find out what positions they take: tell them your opinion; talk to people: make them aware of what is happening in Madison. We need to bring this out into the light of day.

(Sharon Hampson is a member of the La Crosse County Board.)

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Halbur, Jennifer

From: Kelly, Judy
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2003 1:30 PM
To: Dicks, Jacque; Halbur, Jennifer
Subject: FW: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

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From: Sherman, Gary
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2003 1:15 PM
To: 'mylor41@hotmail.com'
Cc: Kelly, Judy
Subject: RE: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

I agree with you and will have my aide send a copy of your message to the committee clerk.

Gary

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From: mylor41@hotmail.com [mailto:mylor41@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2003 12:55 PM
To: Rep.Sherman@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

October 13, 2003

Dear Rep. Gary Sherman,

I support the Family Planning Waiver as it is currently implemented and want my opposition to the effort to repeal the Waiver as proposed in SB 186/AB 383 counted during the public hearing.

The Family Planning Waiver provides basic health care to low-income women and saves Wisconsin taxpayers millions of dollars. The Family Planning Waiver has already helped over 31,000 Wisconsin women access basic and needed preventative and diagnostic reproductive health care, including screenings for breast and cervical cancer, annual check-ups, birth control, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.

As you know, the Family Planning Waiver was implemented January of 2003 to extend family planning services to low-income women aged 15-44 who are at high risk of unintended pregnancy because they do not have health coverage through Medicaid or BadgerCare. The goals of the Family Planning Waiver are to reduce unintended and teen pregnancy, the transmission of sexually transmitted infections and to promote the early detection of cancer among low-income women who have no health care coverage. Prior to the implementation of the Family Planning Waiver, low-income women in Wisconsin had to be pregnant or have children to qualify for preventative reproductive health care services and birth control.

The Department of Health and Family Services has testified about their concern that efforts to amend young women out of the program could result in the loss of the entire Family Planning Waiver. In addition to attracting \$38 million in federal funds over the five-year project to Wisconsin, the Family Planning Waiver is estimated to save our state at least \$17 million GPR dollars and \$8.9 million in

Medicaid costs associated with unintended pregnancies.

When this issue is before the Health and Family Law Committees, I urge you to support the Family Planning Waiver that provides basic health care to low-income women and saves Wisconsin taxpayers millions of dollars, and oppose SB 186/AB 383.

Sincerely,

Thomas Trull
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Larry & Laura Christian

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719 Madison Drive
Delavan, WI 53115

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Sincerely,

Sheryl A. Anderson

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Subject: Family Planning Waiver - SB186 - Waiver Testimony

Please consider the following as Written Testimony for the Senate Health Committee Hearing on SB186.

October 14, 2003

Written Testimony Re: SB 186
Senate Health Committee
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Memo

Date: October 14
To: Committee on Family Law
From: Judith Metzger, M.S.
Re: AB383

I am testifying today as a former therapist and case manager for female adolescents, primarily victims of sexual abuse.

During my work as a therapist at a residential treatment center I saw first-hand the destruction that sexual activity played on young women's lives. About 75% of the young women I worked with had been sexually abused. In many of these cases the abuse triggered their pursuit of sex as a means to fulfill their needs for affection and acceptance. Many of the clients at our treatment center had had multiple sexual partners by the time they received our help.

Through proper medical treatment, the clients at our center who had been sexually active did receive birth control. But this was not the answer to their problems. In fact, in some ways it was implicit encouragement to continue having casual sex after they were released from treatment. And more casual sex was precisely what my clients did not need. Sexual encounter after sexual encounter created layer after layer of hurt, anger, and detachment from other people and from their own feelings, not to mention from their sexual partners.

One of the young women I worked with had had 25 sexual partners by the age of 16. She was bright, intelligent, and sensitive. To urge a young woman such as this to be sure to be "safe" and be sure she is "protected" when she pursues frequent sexual encounters in my view belittles her dignity and beauty as a human being. Providing money to fund birth control for minors is an easy way out, and in my view, places a band-aid on a gangrenous wound. That our government chooses to allow our children to make "choices" about sex and birth control with no parental input is patronizing to say the least. To take the perspective that young people "are going to have sex anyway" is in my opinion a flippant and amazing disregard and disrespect of the intelligence and abilities of the young women throughout our nation.

Every single young woman I worked with was acutely vulnerable and needed to develop a sense of self—a healthy view of her sexuality and herself as a person. She needed to know she had worth. She needed to know that she had dignity, and that she could still grow into a healthy adult. But the task of building upon the precarious foundation of a broken childhood—of bolstering pride and poise, of increasing knowledge of how multiple sexual partners at such a young age destroys spirits and lives and hearts—takes effort. It takes time, strength, and love on the part of parents, individuals, and institutions willing to help to restore shattered lives.

I ask that you vote in favor of AB383 and SB186.

Thank you.

Judith Metzger, M.S. , 22 Dorfmeister Ct., Madison, Wisconsin 53714

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Subject: Please help save the Family Planning Waiver!

Senator Carol Roessler
State Capitol, Room 8 South
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Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Roessler,

I am writing to ask you to save the Family Planning Waiver in the Senate Health Committee on Tuesday, October 14. Oppose those who are seeking to exclude young women from the Waiver through S.B. 186. Legislators supporting S.B. 186 have misused our democratic process and excluded the public from debate.

I support Wisconsin's Family Planning Waiver because it provides vital reproductive health care to thousands of women who lack insurance, and because it is estimated to reduce the teen pregnancy rate by 15%. Preventing teen pregnancy is highly cost effective. In a time of fiscal crisis, it is simply irresponsible to dismantle a successful program that is 90% funded by the federal government. The Family Planning Waiver program is estimated to save Wisconsin taxpayers millions over the next five years.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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I was appalled when I heard about the Medicaid Family Planning Project, and that Planned Parenthood and other "family planning" groups wanted Medicaid to pay for birth control for minors, 15-17 year-olds, too. The question that jumped out at me was are we, as a state and as a society, going to PROTECT THE PURITY of our youth, OR PROMOTE PROMISCUITY? When you hand out and pay for their birth control, behind parents' backs, what kind of message are you giving them? That it's OK to completely disregard their parents' teaching and authority, and OK to sleep around with whoever, just "protect yourself". Well, Planned Parenthood and other family planning groups' idea of protection and a wise parent's idea of protection are worlds apart.

Let's look at the effectiveness of groups like Planned Parenthood and their propaganda. Thanks to their brand of "help", kids have more knowledge regarding sexual activity than ever before, and at younger ages, and more access to birth control than ever before, and are we, as a culture, better off?! NO! There is more promiscuity and more incidence of STD's, (sexually transmitted disease), than ever before—up from 5 or 6 types in the 1960's to approximately 30 types now! Many of these new STD's are incurable, last for a lifetime, or are even life-threatening, like AIDS. 8,000 teens per day contract an STD! Unbelievable!

The birth control gives kids a false sense of security. They think, "Hey, I'm using something", so they feel somewhat safer, see less consequences, and therefore more of them are taking the risk of engaging in sexual behavior, (at the encouragement of Planned Parenthood and now also the state?!), with bad results. In addition to getting STD's, there continue to be many teen pregnancies, and then the follow-up "fix" of underage abortions. It will end up costing the state more for health care and treatment for these kids with new STD's, and for the teen pregnancies that result from being encouraged to take that risk. Planned Parenthood and other family planning clinics' methods and approach are backfiring—causing what they sought to eradicate.

We protect minors with ad campaigns and laws regarding cigarettes and alcohol. We teach them to say "No" to drugs. Why not regarding sex? Especially since this involves their bodies, and their whole selves? Their whole person—body, mind, emotion, and spirit—is involved during sex. It's sharing in an intimacy, and giving away a part of themselves that's meant to only be given to their future spouse. To have sex with someone and then break up, and then with someone else and break up, is not good for their emotional and spiritual health. Maybe this accounts for some of the increase in teen depression and suicide, too. At the hearing, some people argued that teens are "going to do it anyway". Some will, but does that mean that we should enable them in this type of behavior? Then why not also tell teens, for example, to smoke, because you're "going to do it anyway", just use this filter for protection. Don't we still, as a society, want to send a message to promote their true health and well-being, and set a high standard?

Not incidentally, there is another moral issue involved with using the Pill, Norplant, and Depoprovera. They're actually abortifacient, that is they cause chemically induced

abortions. Because they use much lower doses of hormones now to reduce side effects, there is probable greater incidence of breakthrough ovulation and therefore also greater incidence of fertilization. In the PDR, Physician's Desk Reference, a third mechanism for how the Pill (i.e. Orthocept) prevents pregnancy is to prevent implantation of an embryo because of the changes it causes in the lining of the uterus. The developing embryo is basically "starved to death"; it cannot get the nourishment it needs. So that's another moral consideration.

Even with these lower doses, these hormones are strong drugs with potent side effects, and at the very least, parents should be aware if their daughters are taking these drugs.

I'd like to note the true definition of protection as seen in God's Word, in 1 Corinthians 6:12, 14, +18-20: "You may say, 'I am allowed to do anything.' But I reply, 'Not everything is good for you.'...But our bodies were not made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies. ... "Run away from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Or don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."

You might say, "don't bring your moral judgment into it", but almost every law passed expresses a moral judgment. The question is, whose moral judgment or values are being promoted, for example Planned Parenthood's or the people and parents here in Wisconsin? And will it be a good, moral judgment or a bad, immoral one?

There are still many parents in this state who love God, love their children, and want to follow His plan of sexual expression for their lives—(i.e. sexual abstinence until marriage, possible with His help.) Abstinence works. The recent little dent starting to be made in the teen sex problem is due to the recent push to have some abstinence teaching in schools, to counter Planned Parenthood's brand of "wisdom"; that, in turn, is empowering kids to say "No" to sex, and preserve their purity for their future spouse.

We need to have real wisdom and discernment as we seek to protect our teenagers, and for that reason, I believe this Medicaid Family Planning Project would be very detrimental to the physical, emotional, and moral/spiritual health of our minor children, because it promotes promiscuity, which costs our kids much. The "cost" to the state by giving out free birth control would be reflected in each of these areas as well. Physically, we'll pay for the epidemic of STD's in diagnostic and treatment costs. Emotionally, we'll pay in terms of decreased human productivity related to teen depression and suicide, which are secondary to living with lifelong, incurable STD's, and multiple broken relationships. Spiritually, by promoting promiscuity, the state will forfeit the blessing of God on Wisconsin in this area.

For all of the above reasons, I strongly support AB 383, and ask that you would, too.

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**Testimony in Support of SB 186 and AB 383: Removal of Minor Children
from the Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project
Senate Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee /
Assembly Family Law Committee
By Matt Sande, Director of Legislative Affairs**

October 14, 2003

Good morning Chairperson Roessler and committee members. My name is Matt Sande and I serve as legislative affairs director for Pro-Life Wisconsin. Thank you for this opportunity to speak in favor of Senate Bill 186 and Assembly Bill 383.

Pro-Life Wisconsin is a proud member of the *Parents First!* coalition, a group of over twenty organizations representing thousands of families across Wisconsin that are working to protect our young people from a physically and morally destructive new program called the *Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project*. The *Project* currently provides free, taxpayer funded birth control to 15, 16 and 17-year old girls without their parents' knowledge or consent. *Parents First!* is fighting for passage of **Assembly Bill (AB) 383** and **Senate Bill (SB) 186**, legislation that would cancel minor girls' access to the *Project*.

The family planning project undermines parental authority in the delicate area of teen sexuality. Federal and state law prohibits parental notification of an underage child who applies for services under the *Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project*. Providing free, taxpayer funded birth control to 15 year-olds behind parents' backs is irresponsible public policy. Contraceptive drugs and devices pose serious health risks for women, including blood clots, cancer, strokes and heart attacks. What parent would not want to know that their minor child is ingesting such potentially life threatening drugs? Should we not ensure that moms and dads are involved in the sexual health of their sons and daughters, not to mention their moral development?

A recent Zogby poll revealed that 70 percent of parents either "strongly disapprove" or "disapprove" of their child being able to obtain contraception without their knowledge or approval.* The very least we can do as a state is to respect parental authority; to recognize the love and concern that parents have for the children. To do otherwise is to adopt a very cynical, and threatening, attitude toward parents.

*(Zogby International 2003 Survey on Parental Opinions of Character-Based, Abstinence-Until-Marriage Sex Education vs. Comprehensive ["Abstinence-First," Then Condoms] Sex Education, February 13, 2003)

Not only is the family planning project offensive to parents, but it is ineffective in reducing underage sexual activity, pregnancy, and abortion. Compelling data indicates that broad contraceptive availability may actually work to *increase* underage pregnancy and abortion by encouraging sexual promiscuity, debunking Planned Parenthood's theory that the provision of contraceptives to teens will reduce underage pregnancies.

Dr. David Paton of Nottingham University Business School in the United Kingdom recently authored a study entitled, "The Economics of Family Planning and Underage Conceptions" that was published in the March 2002 issue of the prestigious *Journal of Health Economics*.*

Paton, a senior lecturer in industrial economics, investigated the impact of family planning on teenage conceptions and abortions by testing data from 16 UK regions over a 14-year period. The focal aim of Paton's research was to explore the impact of the 1984 "Gillick ruling" which drastically reduced attendance by teen-agers at family planning clinics in the UK until it was overturned. It did so by forcing health professionals to inform parents before providing contraceptives to females under the age of 16 (the UK age of consent). Paton explained that "This ruling provided us with a useful natural experiment involving a change in public policy." Contrary to forecasts, the Gillick ruling did not lead to an increase in underage pregnancies.

Paton stated in a press release that, "My research casts serious doubt on current government policy. Over the past few years, we have had a massive expansion in family planning services for young people in the UK, yet there is no evidence that this has reduced either underage pregnancy or abortion rates. Although family planning may make sexually active teenagers less likely to get pregnant, it seems that it also encourages others to start having sex. Some of these will get pregnant through contraceptive failure and, if anything, the overall effect of expanding family planning services for under-16s has been to increase pregnancies and abortion." (press release, Nottingham University, 2/27/02)

Specifically, the study itself concludes that:

"Using a range of specifications, I find no evidence that greater access to family planning has reduced underage conceptions or abortions. Indeed, there is some evidence that greater access is associated with an increase in underage conceptions in our sample."

The study also emphasizes that:

"Socio-economic factors are found to be important predictors of underage conception and abortion rates. Rates of unemployment and children in statutory care are positive predictors of underage conception, while participation in post-compulsory education is a negative predictor... (Therefore) measures which improve educational and work prospects of those groups most at risk seem likely to help achieve the stated aim of reducing underage conceptions."

*("The Economics of Family Planning and Underage Conceptions," Dr. David Paton, Nottingham University Business School)

An April 2003 study published in the journal *Adolescent and Family Health* demonstrates that abstinence, not contraception, lowered teen pregnancy and birth rates.* It overturns Planned Parenthood's claim that 80 percent of the decline in the pregnancy rate is due to contraceptive use and 20 percent to abstinence. The authors compared the drop in the birth and pregnancy rates between 1991 and 1995. **Among unmarried girls, abstinence accounted for a 67 percent drop in pregnancies. By contrast, the birthrate to single girls who were sexually active actually increased, despite the fact that this group used more condoms.** The implication of these facts is clear – teens have responded to an unambiguous message on sexual abstinence.

*("An Analysis of the Causes of the Decline in Non-marital Birth and Pregnancy Rates for Teens from 1991 to 1995," Joanna K. Mohn, MD, Lynne R. Tingle, Ph.D., Reginald Finger, MD, MPH)

Other studies have shown that greater availability of contraception is linked to increased rates of abortion. In Maryland, for example, the first state to enact a contraceptive insurance mandate, the number of abortions rose by 1,226 the year after the mandate became effective. Despite this data, our federal, state and local governments continue to funnel millions of dollars toward the provision of contraceptives to teens, money which Dr. Paton's study suggests would be better spent on education and job training.

Based on the above-mentioned empirical studies (which raise serious doubts as to the effectiveness of family planning services in reducing underage pregnancies and abortion), Pro-Life Wisconsin is highly suspicious of the estimated cost savings to the State of Wisconsin that DHFS attributes to the Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project.

Government-funded birth control also contributes to an increase in STDs by encouraging sexual promiscuity. The Pill offers no protection against STDs including AIDS. With over thirty viruses today compared to only two in 1960, STDs among our teens have become a full-blown epidemic. **Every day, 8,000 teens become infected with an STD** – a direct result of our overemphasis on birth control and our culture's "sex-with-no-consequences" mindset.

After twenty years crusading for safe sex by dispensing condoms and the Pill to adolescent patients, Dr. Meg Meeker, M.D., as described in her book Epidemic – How Teen Sex is Killing Our Kids,* realized she was horribly mistaken when her teen patients began marching in with dangerous STDs. She now counsels teens and parents on the *medical* importance of waiting to have sex. It's time the State of Wisconsin reassess the so-called benefits of "family planning" for Wisconsin's children.

*("Epidemic: How Teen Sex is Killing our Kids," by Meg Meeker, M.D.)

It is becoming increasingly clear that the availability of confidential 'family planning' services to our teens is encouraging sexual promiscuity and with it a host of social pathologies. Protecting young girls from the devastating physical and emotional effects of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), pregnancy and abortion, as well as ensuring the rights of parents to be involved in such important issues in their daughters' lives is good public policy.

Pro-Life Wisconsin strongly encourages your support of AB 383 and SB 186. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the social and moral implications of this powerful program. I would be happy to answer any questions of the committee members.

I am Rosalia Bauer, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, a Registered Nurse and a Family Nurse Practitioner who has worked in hospitals and in Community Health Nursing for 30+ years.

As a woman, and as a nurse, I give full SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 383 and Senate Bill 186. It is simply good common sense. We, as adults, have a responsibility to support and to affirm parents in their use of parental authority. The Family Planning Waiver program undermines parental authority by providing Abortifacients, Contraceptive devices to minors, to children without their knowledge or consent.

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As a Family Nurse Practitioner, I have known teenagers who have been impregnated by adult men. Reports state that at least 1/3 of teen pregnancies are caused by adult men. For what reason do we want this to continue?

Let us wake up to the reality that teenagers do model and do want adults to be a source of inspiration to them.

We need to be consistent when witnessing with our without words to our teenagers.

Abstinence is the only message minors should be receiving with affirmations for the many teenagers who are virgins by choice.

We don't teach teenagers how to drive drunk safely. We don't demonstrate to teenager on how to smoke safely.

Please
Let's give our full support to Assembly Bill 383 and Senate Bill 186. I do. Thank you.

Sister Rosalia Bauer, F.S.P.A., R.N., M.N., F.N.P.

October 14, 2002

Pubic Hearing at State Capitol, Madison, Rm. 114 S, 10:00 A.M.

So for why would we choose to teach minors to use abortifacients and contraceptive devices that could cause the death of tiny human babies?

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Dear Senator Roessler, Representative Owens and Committee members:

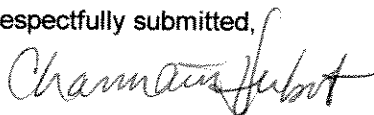
I am here today to urge you to support AB 383 and SB 186, legislation that would remove minor children from the Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project. This is a well-needed and none other than a "priceless" piece of legislation that would protect the integrity of the family and much better serve the needs of minors than not.

First and foremost, my husband and I are the source of guidance for my daughter. This is our role as parents. We are teaching her every day all about the world we live in as well as the world we would like to see. She understands the importance of honesty and truth, of respect and love. She knows that our family is a loving, caring family, and that no one can take that away from us. My husband and I try our best to show her the way, and we know that in the years ahead, this responsibility remains ours.

We are not alone in this belief. With me today, I bring over 20 letters from our closest friends and family urging you to support this legislation. They are not able to be here today, but I assure you it is not due to a lack of desire nor of conviction. As we speak, today, they are currently raising their family and doing their best to provide their children with the love, support and guidance all children should be receiving. This legislation, would go a long way in ensuring that their efforts will not be undermined by well-meaning yet misinformed education and health care providers. Teenagers in years past as well as today have been hurt - physically, emotionally, spiritually - by the so called "family planning" mentality and reality that sometimes seems to prevail in our neighborhoods today. It is not common sense to continue to inflict such harm, through such things as the promotion of promiscuity, sexually transmitted diseases and deadly contraceptives on our children in the future.

One friend, Mr. David Vogt of Cedarburg, WI sums it up best when he states: "Parents need to be informed of the intention of their children prior to the execution of such momentous actions". Please give these children a chance, and support AB 383 and SB 186.

Respectfully submitted,



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I am here today to testify on behalf of Greater Madison Area Against Planned Parenthood. But secondly, and more importantly, I am here to testify as a dad.

I think we have two issues at hand today. The first issue is whether adolescent boys and girls, ages 15, 16, and 17 should be treated as adults. The second issue is whether we as a government want to promote behavior that is clearly best reserved for adulthood. There are all sorts of behaviors that we reserve for adulthood. No tattoos or body piercing until age 18, no drinking a beer until age 21, and high school student can't get a Tylonol from the school nurse without their parents permission. We as a society have always seen that it is good to put limits on teen behaviors.

So now we have a behavior, engaging in sex, in which we want to enable teens by giving them all of the tools to necessary to "go at it". We will be passing out condoms, the pill, IUD's, diaphragms, and the morning after pill. Perhaps the scariest part of all of this, is that in a few years, Planned Parenthood will be back asking for more taxpayer money. Why? Because, the Pill, IUD's, and the morning after pill serve as early abortifacients. So, if we are already offering early abortions to our 15, 16, and 17 year olds, it will only be fair to offer the full gamut of what is now available under current state law, that being abortions through the full 9 months of pregnancy. This is the only logical outcome of our current law, and Planned Parenthood (the world's largest provider of abortions), will not miss this opportunity to push their agenda.

As a parent of three children, ages 19, 21, and 23, I remember those wonderfully exciting times for both our teenagers and the parent. For my teenage children, it was a time of innocence, a time of confusion, a time of curiosity, of wonder, of idealism, and of creativity. But I won't get carried away with sloppy sentimentalism and the wonders of youth. After all, we have a cold cruel world out there, and what are we going to do to stop teen pregnancy.

I hope that what we will do, is to direct \$30 million into promoting family, promoting parental authority (not Planned Parenthood authority), promoting chastity, and promoting abstinence. To begin to reorder our world so that our teens can see a clear direction and focus from the adult world, instead of the confusion and half truths that are so often being thrown at them.

This brings up the issue as to how and when are our teens prepared to make decisions? Are teenagers capable of making sound, mature, logical, well reasoned decisions, that consider both the short term and long term consequences of their behavior?

How does PP answer that question? Planned Parenthood after all has set itself up as an authority for counseling our teenagers, at least in all areas of sex. On their website, www.teenwire.com, (it wasn't that many years ago that this website would have made Hugh Hefner blush), we can see many examples of the confusion they are putting into the minds of our youth. One area of the website is for teen questions. For example, a 15 year old writes, "I am thinking about having sex with my boyfriend. Since I am looking to engage in this adult activity, I thought it might be a good idea to discuss this with another adult, like my mother". What is your advice?

Now when I read this question, the response seems quite logical. "Since you are a 15 year old girl, and want to engage in an adult activity, by your own admission you are not an adult. Wouldn't it just seem logical to wait until you are an adult?" Seems logical to me, but Planned Parenthood misses the point entirely.

In their answer to our 15 year old girl, they grandly congratulate her on her most mature decision. But then they warn her, "if your parents should freak out"!! Wow, what an upside down view of the world. Planned Parenthood sees the 15 year old, who's most important decision that day is whether to have sex with her boyfriend, as the calm, well reasoned, logical young lady, and it is the parents who are the raving lunatics.

That doesn't make sense to me, but I grew up with Father Knows Best and Leave it Beaver. So I went to a source that is more in tune with our so-called modern world. My 23 year old daughter, Kristin, is a second year grad student at UW Milwaukee. She majored in Psychology at UW LaCrosse and is getting her Masters in High School guidance counseling.

I asked her the same question, "are teenagers capable of making sound, mature, logical, well reasoned decisions, that consider both the short term and long term consequences of their behavior?" She said, "high school kids are self-centered, they only think about themselves, and don't consider any long term consequences of their behavior".

I responded, "gosh, Kristin, that seems a rather broad generalization, perhaps you're being a little harsh?"

"Dad, she replied, I've majored in psychology and I've taken adolescent Psych courses. This is called Egocentrism. Teens are in their own world. They feel that nothing bad can happen to them. They are not capable of making well reasoned long term decisions without guidance." So, there you have it. I ask you, please do not let Planned Parenthood serve as the guiding light to our teens by usurping the rightful authority of parents. Planned Parenthood is in the business of abortion, making millions of dollars of profit every year doing abortions. By promoting sexual promiscuity to our young children, they insure a future clientele, more sex, more pregnancies, more abortions, and more profits.

Let's not be blinded by the charade of free contraceptions being a benefit to our children. This program does nothing to protect our children. Rather, this program serves to fuel a teenagers natural tendency more egocentric, behavior. This is not to sell teens short, but rather to realize their limitations, and work to build on their strengths. So, let us instead promote programs that bring out the innate virtues of our children. Let's promote programs that build up families. Let's promote effective parenting programs that encourage good family communications. As a start to all of that let's pass SB186.

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Parents tell state: Don't fund birth control for our kids!

Parents from across Wisconsin will travel to the State Capitol tomorrow to speak in support of legislation that would prevent 15, 16 and 17-year old girls from receiving free, taxpayer-funded birth control without their parents' knowledge or consent under a new state/federal family planning program.

The Assembly Family Law Committee and the Senate Health, Children, Families and Aging and Long-Term Care Committee will hold a joint public hearing Tuesday, October 14th, on **Senate Bill (SB) 186** and **Assembly Bill (AB) 383**, companion legislation that would cancel minor children's access to the *Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project*. The *Project* currently allows minor girls to receive birth control and other "family planning" services for free without the knowledge or consent of a parent.

"A minor may not be given an aspirin without parental consent," said Julie Grimstad, mother of five from Stevens Point. "However, under the *Family Planning Demonstration Project*, minor girls will be given potent artificial steroid drugs, contraceptives, behind their parent's backs. This is simply wrong! After all, who is more concerned for a minor's physical and moral welfare than her parents?"

After twenty years crusading for safe sex by dispensing condoms and the Pill to adolescent patients, Dr. Meg Meeker, M.D., as described in her book *Epidemic - How Teen Sex is Killing Our Kids*, realized she was horribly mistaken when her teen patients began marching in with dangerous STDs. She now counsels teens and parents on the *medical* importance of waiting to have sex.

"It is becoming increasingly clear that the availability of confidential 'family planning' services to our teens is encouraging sexual promiscuity and with it a host of social pathologies," said Matt Sande, legislative affairs director for Pro-Life Wisconsin. "Protecting young girls from the hardship of teen pregnancy and from the devastating physical and emotional effects of STDs and abortion is good public policy."

Pro-Life Wisconsin is a member of *Parents First!*, a coalition of more than twenty organizations representing thousands of families across Wisconsin. *Parents First!* is working to advance AB 383 and SB 186, legislation in the best interests of parents and their kids.

Coalition to Save the Family Planning Waiver

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Coalition Members

- 9to5, National Assoc. of Working Women
- American Civil Liberties Union of WI
- American College of Nurse Midwives Wisconsin Chapter
- Family Planning Health Services, Inc.
- First Choice Women's Health Center Janesville
- Health Care Clinic - Superior
- Langlade County Health Department
- League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
- Lutheran Office for Public Policy in WI
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JOINT HEARING ON FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER TODAY *Legislative attack on health care program could cost state millions in federal aid*

Madison, WI— A hearing before the Senate Health and Assembly Family Law Committees to repeal the family planning waiver, is scheduled to take place today at 10:00 a.m. in room 411 South of the Capitol. Medical providers, support agency personnel, patients and parents who administer, rely on and support the preventative and diagnostic services afforded by the Family Planning Waiver will be present to highlight the importance of this program.

Officials from the Department of Health and Family Services who currently administer the Family Planning Waiver program have cautioned legislative leaders that SB 186 and AB 383 could potentially threaten the future of the entire federally funded family planning program and the loss of millions of dollars in federal aid to Wisconsin. Since January, over 29,000 women have enrolled in this program.

By preventing unintended pregnancies, including an estimated 15% reduction in teen pregnancies, Wisconsin taxpayers are projected to save \$17 million dollars through the duration of this program. Furthermore, over the course of the five year demonstration project, a total of \$38 million dollars in federal funds are estimated to be invested in our state to cover preventative and diagnostic medical expenses for low-income women. The federal government pays 90% of the costs associated with the Family Planning Waiver program. No other health care program currently receives such a generous contribution from the federal government. This comes at a time when our state is desperately in need of additional federal dollars.

"The federal government's financial support of the Family Planning Waiver program comes at a critical time of need in our state," stated Lon Newman, president of Family Planning Health Services, Inc., based in central Wisconsin. "Wisconsin's billion dollar deficit, coupled with the economic downturn have resulted in an increased need for public programs like the Family Planning Waiver. Nationally, the number of people without health insurance due to the loss of jobs or employer sponsored health care coverage has risen to 43.6 million. Thanks to programs like the Family Planning Waiver, Wisconsin is leading the nation in meeting the health care needs of 92% of its citizens."

The Family Planning Waiver is a Medicaid program which provides basic, preventative health care to women ages 15-44 who meet the income eligibility requirements. Services provided under this program include cancer screens, breast exams, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, and access to birth control. Prior to the Family Planning Waiver, women of child bearing age (15 years and older) had to be pregnant or have had two children in order to qualify for preventative and diagnostic family planning health care services under Medicaid. The Family Planning Waiver was approved by the Legislature on a bi-partisan vote and implemented in January of this year. In 1997, Assembly Speaker John Gard (R-Peshtigo) and Senate Leader Mary Panzer (R-West Bend) voted for the program, which was signed into law by then Governor Tommy Thompson.

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The Coalition to Save the Family Planning Waiver is an effort made up of over 35 organizations and individuals from across the state interested in preserving access to the confidential, cost-effective and preventative health care afforded by the Family Planning Medicaid Waiver.



**Testimony Before the Senate Committee on
Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care**

**Prepared by:
Barbara Beckert, Assistant Director
Tuesday October 14, 2003**



The Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations, which represents 29 local Jewish organizations, agencies, and synagogues strongly opposes passage of Senate Bill 186 and urges you to preserve the Family Planning Waiver as it is currently being implemented.

Our state is facing a significant health care crisis, as increasing numbers of Wisconsin citizens do not have access to affordable health insurance. The Family Planning Waiver program provides thousands of low income Wisconsin women – 30,000 to date – with access to vital health care services including testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, breast and cervical cancer screening, and confidential health exams, as well as access to contraception. Allowing more women access to family planning services plays a vital role in decreasing the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions.

The waiver was granted in large part because of the need to reduce the high rates of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases among Wisconsin teens. Providing teenagers with access to family planning services is key to reducing Wisconsin's rate of unintended teen pregnancies, and will also decrease the number of abortions. Teen pregnancy carries with it many health risks for both the mother and child, and often causes teens to end their education, limiting their ability to secure a good job, and often resulting in a lifetime of poverty for mother and child. As former Governor Tommy Thompson said, "A pregnant teenager has a one-way ticket to poverty."

In these difficult fiscal times for our state, it is important that we utilize all available federal funds. The Family Planning Waiver program is very cost effective as it provides Wisconsin with millions of dollars in federal assistance, and will save millions in Medicaid costs associated with unintended pregnancies. Efforts to amend the Family Planning Waiver are fiscally irresponsible as this will render Wisconsin out of compliance and jeopardize the entire program.

Our Jewish tradition emphasizes the importance of providing access to health care for all citizens, including those with limited financial resources. Our tradition urges doctors to reduce their rates for poor patients, and when that is not sufficient, the establishment of communal subsidies to ensure access for the poor. The Family Waiver Program provides thousands of low income women with access to essential health care services they could not otherwise afford. Senate Bill 186 would jeopardize this access and we urge you to oppose it and preserve the Family Planning Waiver program for all eligible women. Thank you for your consideration.

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Chair Roessler, Chair Owens, and members of the committees, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 186 and AB 383. My name is Kathryn Osborne. I am licensed by the state of WI as a registered nurse, a Certified Nurse Midwife and an Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber. I am presently employed by the University of Wisconsin, School of Medicine, Department of OB/GYN, at the Milwaukee clinical campus. I also volunteer one half day a week providing GYN services at the South Madison Health and Family Center. I am here today, on behalf of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM), to testify against AB 383 and SB 186. The American College of Nurse Midwives opposes all legislation that limits access to health care for any woman of any age.

As you are aware, the Family Planning Waiver provides important health services to women between the ages of 15 and 44 who meet income eligibility requirements. These services include not only contraceptive management, but also important health promotion and screening services as well. AB 383 and SB 186 exempt women, ages 15-17 from receiving these low cost or no cost medical services.

First, I should point out that the general women's health care provided by the Family Planning Waiver includes important health care services such as breast and cervical cancer screening, as well as STD detection and treatment. It would be a shame to take these services away from the 15-17 year olds that presently qualify for the Family Planning Waiver. These are preventive services that help keep the women of Wisconsin healthy, and should be offered to all women in the state, regardless of ability to pay.

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The state of WI can also not afford the potential loss of federal dollars if the state excludes teens from the program, and falls out of compliance with the original terms of the Waiver. Presently, for every dime the State of Wisconsin spends on this program, the Federal Government contributes 90 cents. Passage of AB 383 and SB 186 has the potential to stop the inflow of an estimated \$38 million in federal contributions to our Medicaid budget over the next five years. At a time when Medicaid expenditures are causing a hemorrhage in the state budget, we should not be foregoing this federal revenue.

I would like to comment, based on my clinical expertise, specifically on two arguments I have heard from proponents of these bills. First, proponents of these bills argue that the drugs and devices dispensed under the waiver, to prevent pregnancy, are dangerous substances and should not be dispensed without parental consent. There is a wealth of scientific evidence that demonstrates that the risks associated with a pregnancy far outweigh the risks associated with any form of contraception. There is also a body of evidence that demonstrates that a lack of access to contraceptive services does not reduce the incidence of sexual activity among teens. It does however, increase the incidence of teen pregnancy. Specifically, a recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that without access to confidential reproductive health care services, a majority of sexually active young women indicated they would remain sexually active, but would go without protection. This would increase the incidence of unplanned pregnancy and abortion as well as the acquisition of sexually transmitted infections among teenagers. Passage of AB 383 and SB 186 does not change the laws regarding the ability of teens to obtain contraception without parental consent. It does however, reduce access to confidential reproductive health care services for some of our most vulnerable 15-17 year olds in the state of WI – those living in poverty.

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