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Contact: Susan Armacost, Legislative Director

Wisconsin Right to Life has sent the following memo to state lawmakers regarding Family Planning Waiver dollars and the abortion connection.

TO: State Legislators

FROM: Susan Armacost, Legislative Director

RE: Family Planning Waiver dollars and the abortion connection

With \$38 million new federal family planning dollars coming into the state via the Family Planning Waiver, Planned Parenthood, **the state's largest promoter and performer of abortions**, is doing everything it can to convince you that the distribution of those funds should not be regulated in any way. Other organizations that provide family planning services (and are closely aligned with Planned Parenthood) are also making the same argument.

What these organizations are failing to tell you is that there is a connection between this new pot of family planning dollars and the bolstering of Planned Parenthood's abortion operations.

The lobbying efforts of Planned Parenthood and others are in response to legislation introduced by Representative Glenn Grothman and Senator Joe Leibham (AB 634/SB 308). The Grothman/Leibham measure consists of placing one straightforward regulation on the use of the new federal funds...minor girls could not be serviced with the new pot of federal family planning dollars. The legislation would not affect any of the other millions of state and federal tax dollars currently being funneled to Planned Parenthood and others who provide family planning services in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Right supports the Grothman/Leibham legislation. In stating our support for this measure, we want to reiterate once again that Wisconsin Right to Life takes no position on family planning methods that prevent pregnancy. Our interest in this issue centers around the fact that the new pot of \$38 million family planning dollars will be used by Planned Parenthood to further increase their promotion of abortion which will result in more profits for Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood uses their family planning clinics as sites to refer pregnant women, who are considering abortion, right over to their own profit-oriented abortion clinics. With this new pot of federal family planning dollars, they will have access to an even larger pool of women who will enter their family planning

clinics. So, not only will Planned Parenthood be receiving more federal dollars, they will also receive increased income from the increasing number of abortions they will be able to generate via their family planning clinics.

This, of course, is a blatant conflict of interest. It has been occurring for years with the state and federal funds Planned Parenthood currently receives apart from the \$38 million dollar pot of new family planning dollars. As state lawmakers, you should find this most troubling.

We want to make it clear that Wisconsin Right to Life opposes any amount of state and federal family planning dollars going to Planned Parenthood because many of those dollars are used to promote abortion and are used to perpetuate the blatant conflict of interest that currently exists. But sadly, there is not the political will in the state legislature to completely stop this misuse of tax dollars.

Wisconsin Right to Life views the Grothman/Leibham legislation as a way to make an intolerable situation a little less intolerable. By limiting the use of the \$38 million dollars of new federal family planning dollars to service only adult women, at least Planned Parenthood would not be able to get their hands on additional numbers of vulnerable minor girls. **Planned Parenthood is notorious for providing family planning services and abortion referrals without any parental knowledge whatsoever.** And once a pregnant minor girl is referred to one of Planned Parenthood's abortion clinics, they are only too happy to assist the minor in using loopholes to circumvent Wisconsin's law requiring parental consent prior to a minor's abortion.

The Grothman/Leibham bill addresses only a small portion of a much larger problem. But given the current political realities, it is the best that can be achieved at the present time.

Wisconsin Right to Life urges you to support the Grothman/Leibham legislation that regulates the use of the new federal planning dollars coming to Wisconsin through the Family Planning Waiver by limiting it to adult women only.

Thank you.