

# Rep. Subeck: Calls for end to politically motivated attacks on women's health care access

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MADISON – Representative Lisa Subeck (D-Madison) released the following statement in response to last night's Joint Finance Committee vote on a so-called "wrap-up motion" that included requiring arbitrary audits of family planning health care providers.

"Wisconsin's network of women's health centers are vital to the public health of our communities. These clinics ensure access to preventative health screening and services for early identification of cancer, diagnose and treat sexually transmitted diseases, and help women and families plan healthy pregnancies.

The measure approved by Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee to single out family planning health care providers for audits wastes taxpayer dollars and harasses women's health centers. Previous audit findings by the Inspector General were so flawed that he had to retreat from his attack on these providers, and safeguards for all Medicaid providers are already in place through the Medicaid Program Integrity Division.

The endless politically motivated attacks on access to reproductive health care by Republicans have got to stop. These senseless and arbitrary audits of women's health centers are nothing more than an attempt by Republican leadership to shore up the votes of their most extreme members for a bad budget."