

Wisconsin Family Action: Responds to President Trump's executive order on religious freedom

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MADISON, WI - The following is a statement from Wisconsin Family Action President Julaine Appling on President Trump's religious freedom Executive Order, signed earlier today.

"Religious freedom and rights of conscience have been severely undermined in America in recent years. The Executive Order signed today by President Donald Trump represents a good first step towards restoring needed protection for those precious rights and the beginning of fulfillment of his campaign promises to protect the religious freedoms of Americans. But it is only a step.

"The previous administration created a climate of hostility towards religion and the right of Americans to live out their faith freely. Across the country employers, faith-based schools and charities have been forced to choose between their faith and continuing to operate for the good of our economy and society.

"While we welcome the signing of today's Executive Order, on behalf of the thousands of citizens our organization represents and in concert with the 39 state family policy councils with whom we are in alliance, we call on President Trump and his administration to work towards completely fulfilling his pledge to protect religious freedom. As President Trump said in the Rose Garden this morning, 'For too long the Federal government has used the power of the state as a weapon against people of faith, bullying and even punishing Americans for following their

religious beliefs.'

“Today’s Executive Order represents a start towards reversing this unwarranted government discrimination. Wisconsin Family Action will continue to work for a Wisconsin and an America where religious freedom flourishes and families thrive.”

Wisconsin Family Action is a statewide organization engaged in strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious liberty in Wisconsin.