

Rep. Anderson: Wisconsin Republicans must put women's health first

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MADISON - Today, Wisconsin Republicans are voting on measures that do nothing to address extreme disparities in maternal health and infant mortality in Wisconsin. In response, Rep. Anderson released the following statement:

“Instead of focusing on nonexistent problems, we have an actual moral responsibility to rectify the worst racial disparities in the nation when it comes to infant mortality. Governor Evers’ budget will ensure that babies are born healthy and stay healthy by providing quality health care for every Wisconsinite. Today’s votes are not just a distraction, they actively hurt women.”

“The truth is that women, not politicians, should be empowered to make their own health care decisions in consultation with their doctors,” said Rep. Anderson. “Without Planned Parenthood and the other nonprofit Title X health care centers, safe and affordable care is just not possible. I’m proud to sit with a Governor who is committed to protecting the rights of all women, improving birth outcomes, and expanding access to reproductive services. These proposals, along with the expansion of Medicaid, will provide health insurance to 82,000 Wisconsinites and support healthy communities throughout Wisconsin. Let’s focus on what actually matters: improving and protecting women’s health.”