

Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health Executive Director Sara Finger: WI GOP plays political games with women's health

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Republicans Pass Extreme Policies While Denying Health Care Coverage

MADISON – Statement from Sara Finger, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health (WAWH):

“Women across our state are fed up with and appalled at how women's health is being used as a political game piece. It is a grave act of misogyny that a body of mainly white male legislators believe they are entitled to dictate a woman's personal healthcare decisions to score political points.

Today during National Women's Health Week, Assembly Republicans showcased their true priorities by passing a batch of anti-abortion bills along party lines. Rather than focus on real policy solutions like full Medicaid expansion that would advance women's health in Wisconsin, GOP leaders fast tracked a series of politically motivated bills that threaten women's wellbeing, patient-physician relationships, and health care delivery in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Republicans are far too eager to pull pages from conservative playbooks to advance an all-out assault on abortion access. As seen in Georgia and Alabama, Wisconsin's GOP majority is shoring up support from their extreme base for next

year's critical election year with these inflammatory and irresponsible policies.

The timing of the Republican push for these bills is transparent. With recent polling demonstrating extremely high support for the Governor's proposal to expand Medicaid Wisconsin, GOP leaders rush a floor vote on these bills to distract from last Thursday's Joint Finance Committee party-line vote to remove Medicaid expansion and other good policy items from the budget.

Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health strongly supports a woman's right to make their own health decisions. We will continue to work to ensure all women have access to healthcare and access to medically accurate information. We will continue to track votes, and advocate on women's health to ensure legislators are held accountable by their constituents."