

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin: Announces its first slate of legislative endorsements - incumbents

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Today, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin (PPAWI) announced its first round of legislative endorsements, consisting of a selection of incumbents trusted to utilize their platforms and voices to push for the protection of reproductive rights for all Wisconsinites. Now more than ever, legislative action in Wisconsin is vital. After the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade* it is loud and clear that rights we have had for generations are up for debate. We need bold actors to stand up and speak out for all Wisconsinites.

These endorsements are vital, for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has already had to suspend abortion services on June 24 and refer patients out of state for abortion care after the loss of *Roe* and the enforcement of Wisconsin law 940.04. Those being endorsed are running for positions within the governing body deciding on the rights of Wisconsinites.

Statement from Steven Webb, PPAWI Director of Organizing

“PPAWI is proud to endorse this round of incumbent candidates. This is an important election, for we are in the midst of a huge shift in regards to the rights of our people. The blatant disregard that Wisconsin Republicans have displayed for the lives of 3.1 million people at risk of losing access to safe and legal abortion care is a betrayal to Wisconsinites statewide. With the Supreme Court ready to repeal *Roe*, Wisconsin’s law criminalizing abortion without exception for rape, incest or the health of the woman could go back into effect immediately following the Supreme

Court's decision. Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has already had to suspend abortion services after June 25 and administer the referral process of patients to travel out of state for abortion care.

"The outdated criminal abortion ban is oppressive, and derives from a society in which Wisconsin Republicans aim to return to. Wisconsin law 940.04 was enacted in 1849, when the only voice of power was that of the white man. The communities affected the most are low-income communities of color. We all deserve the freedom to choose if and when we want to start a family. Now that the Supreme Court has made the devastating decision to overturn Roe v Wade, Wisconsinites need our state leaders to take action to protect abortion access including repealing our state's criminal abortion ban."

The following incumbents are candidates that Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin (PPAWI) has selected for its first slate of legislative endorsements:

Jimmy Anderson - Assembly District 47

Jill Billings - Assembly District 95

Greta Neubauer - Assembly District 66

Evan Goyke - Assembly District 18

Kalan Haywood - Assembly District 16

Daniel Riemer - Assembly District 7

Lakeshia Myers - Assembly District 12

Robyn Vining - Assembly District 14

Tip McGuire - Assembly District 64

Dave Considine - Assembly District 81