

# Wisconsin Family Action: Responds to Governor Evers' special session demand

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**Madison, WI** - Today Governor Tony Evers used his authority as governor to call the state legislature into special session to consider repealing Wisconsin's 1849 law that criminalizes most abortions in the state.

Julaine Appling, President of Wisconsin Family Action, issued this following statement in response.

"Governor Evers has just super-charged an already highly-charged issue with his inflammatory rhetoric and this special session order. This is the kind of action that encourages people to firebomb pro-life offices and pregnancy care centers and to attempt to assassinate US Supreme Court justices. We know in a unique way what we're talking about since we were the victims of pro-abortion zealots attacking our office on Mother's Day.

"This is political, partisan grandstanding. It's also presumptive. The Supreme Court has not issued its final decision on the *Dobbs* case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade*. To ask the state legislature to repeal the law before that decision comes down is irresponsible. Additionally, if the issue does come back to the states, the people deserve the opportunity to debate what we want to do. We are just months away from the fall elections, when we will elect all 99 of our state Assembly representatives and half of our state Senate. The composition of both bodies could be significantly different from what they are now. Both elected officials and 'we the people' deserve a serious discussion of this matter that isn't at all about health care but is very much about the life of the unborn.

“I fully expect the legislature to handle this partisan maneuver the same way they have handled the previous ten special session orders Governor Evers has issued during his tenure. Basically, I expect they will ignore it and stay focused on the real issues at hand. I don’t see them at all participating in the governor’s partisan shenanigans.”