Rep. Subeck: Reacts to Sheboygan County District Attorney Appeal of Dane County abortion ruling

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MADISON – Today, less than 24 hours after a Dane County Judge ruled that an 1800s-era law that many interpreted to be a complete ban on abortion does not apply to consensual abortions, but only to the "intentional criminal act of feticide," Sheboygan County District Attorney Joel Urmanski announced that he will appeal the ruling. For over a year following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health* striking down the landmark *Roe vs. Wade* decision, abortion was unavailable in Wisconsin due to a lack of clarity surrounding the 179 year law.

Representative Subeck, who for several sessions has sponsored legislation that would remove the law from statute, released the following statement:

"While the Dane County ruling marked a victory for reproductive freedom in Wisconsin, our reproductive freedom is not secure as long as extreme anti-abortion Republicans remain in control of our legislature and as long as anti-choice politicians and activist judges continue their involvement in our reproductive healthcare decisions.

As this ruling is now being appealed, it is clear why we must pass the Restore Roe Act to repeal the 1849 law altogether. Republicans will continue their quest to apply this law to abortion and enforce a complete ban on our right to safe and legal abortion care."

Rep. Subeck has represented the 78th Assembly District since 2015 and serves as Chair of the Assembly Democratic Caucus.