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### **It Is Time to Repeal Wisconsin's Criminal Abortion Law**

**Milwaukee, WI** –Senator Chris Larson released the following statement regarding the need to repeal Wisconsin's archaic criminal abortion law.

“Today I am very proud to lend my name and support to legislation that would repeal Wisconsin's old, outdated, and unnecessary criminal abortion law. Doctors should never have to fear a jail sentence for doing their job in the state of Wisconsin. That is why it is so important to remove the 1849 law criminalizing abortions from our statute books.

“If Roe is overturned, and this law still exists on our books, then Wisconsin individuals and families will no longer be able to make their own medical decisions regarding reproductive healthcare, and there would be no exemptions for rape or incest.

“Roe didn't mark the start of abortion in America, it ended unsafe abortion in America. We know what happens when people do not have access to safe, legal abortions. We have endured that history, and it leads to terrible outcomes for families.

“This week Republicans in the Senate are attempting to distract from the partisan dismantling of the people's budget which will expand Medicaid, lower premiums, cover 82,000 more of our neighbors, and free up \$324,000,000 for other priorities. Not to mention investing \$28 million in “Healthy Women, Healthy Babies” initiatives aimed at improving women's health and supporting healthier pregnancies and births.

“Instead, they are spreading a false narrative regarding reproductive healthcare in Wisconsin. We know that their goal is to chip away at the autonomy of a person to make their own healthcare decisions, put lawmakers between people and their doctors, and ultimately overturn Roe V Wade. Their disastrous policies would take Wisconsin back to the dark ages of reproductive healthcare.

“Everyone should have the ability to make the deeply personal decision of when and how to begin a family, and the opportunity to live safe, healthy lives with the freedom to define their own path. Lawmakers should not have any say in the personal medical decisions of the individual, and there should be no politics when it comes to a person's ability to decide when to begin a family according to their personal beliefs.”

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