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Planned Parenthood Advocates Supports Wisconsin Family Medical Leave Insurance Act

MADISON – Today, Rep. Sondy Pope and Sen. Janis Ringhand unveiled the Wisconsin Family Medical Leave Insurance Act. If passed, this bill would create a state insurance program to provide paid leave for workers who take time off in order to care for themselves, a new child or a family member with a serious health condition.

“Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin (PPAWI) is proud to support policies that empower people to lead healthy lives and achieve economic security,” said Mike Murray, executive director of PPAWI. “This bill would allow hardworking Wisconsinites to both provide and care for themselves and their families.”

The United States is the only industrialized nation that does not provide workers with paid family leave. Though the federal and state Family Medical Leave Acts do provide important protections to employees, this law would go further by covering more workers and providing paid instead of unpaid leave.

“No one should have to choose between their job and caring for themselves or their family,” said Murray. “We know how important this benefit is to workers and families across our state. We are proud to join with other organizations to advocate for policies that would make access to paid leave a reality in Wisconsin.”

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