

## **Rep. Jacque Renews Legislative Effort to Defund Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin**

Responding to the national outrage over Planned Parenthood affiliates' participation in the grisly practice of fetal body part trafficking, State Representative Andre Jacque (R-De Pere) announced in August his renewed push to defund Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (PPWI) that began with Governor Walker's first budget in 2011. The following provides a brief description of two newly introduced pro-life bills that, together, will eliminate approximately \$7.5 million in public funding from PPWI.

### **Assembly Bill (AB) 310: Diverting federal Title X family planning funds away from organizations that perform or refer for abortions**

Authored by Rep. Jacque, AB 310 would divert federal Title X family planning funds away from organizations that perform or refer for abortions. Currently, federal Title X family planning funds are granted directly to PPWI, as they are the only applicant in Wisconsin. PPWI receives more than \$3 million annually from Title X. AB 310 would require the Department of Health Services (DHS) to apply, on an annual basis, for family planning grant funds under Title X of the federal Public Health Service Act and to distribute funds received first to public entities, including state, county, and local health departments and health clinics. Under AB 310, a public entity that receives family planning and preventive health services grant funds may provide some or all of the funds to other public or private entities provided that the recipient of the funds does not provide abortion services or make referrals for abortion services. State Senator Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) is the bill's lead Senate author. AB 310 has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Health.

### **Assembly Bill (AB) 311: Eliminating inflated Medicaid contraceptive drug reimbursement rates**

Authored by Rep. Jacque, AB 311 would eliminate inflated Medicaid contraceptive drug reimbursement rates for Wisconsin family planning providers. Specifically, it would reimburse Wisconsin's Medicaid family planning providers, including PPWI, at actual acquisition cost, or the actual cost providers pay for contraceptive drugs under the federal 340B drug program. Currently, PPWI and other family planning providers bill Medicaid high above what they actually pay for the heavily discounted 340B birth control drugs. The bill's common sense approach will reimburse Medicaid family planning providers what they actually pay for contraceptive drugs, nothing more and nothing less, as most states already do. If PPWI cannot operate its clinics under this equitable payment model, then they can seek private funding. It is expected that the bill's enactment would cut PPWI's annual public subsidy by approximately \$4.5 million. State Senator Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) is the bill's lead Senate author. AB 311 has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Health.

Pro-Life Wisconsin will work hard to ensure AB 310 and AB 311 are passed by the Wisconsin Legislature and signed into law by Governor Walker.