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WHA President Borgerding Statement on Supreme Court Decision Regarding Medical Liability Caps

“Recruiting and retaining physicians to provide health care in rural and underserved communities is a top priority for Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Hospital Association. Today’s Court decision preserves Wisconsin’s balanced medical liability system that has been instrumental in attracting physicians to communities across Wisconsin, while providing assurance to injured patients that they will receive payment for the full amount of a jury’s award of medical expenses, lost wages, and other economic losses.

“Enacted with bipartisan support and signed by Governor Doyle in 2006, Wisconsin’s balanced system includes a unique guarantee of a full and uncapped payment of awarded economic damages, as well as capped, subjective non-economic damages. As Wisconsin continues to work to address current and future physician workforce shortages, that balanced medical liability system is just as important today as it was in 2006.”

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