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### **Murphy Statement on WILL Campus Free Speech Lawsuit**

GREEN BAY, WI — This morning, the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) filed a lawsuit against Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) for violating the free speech rights of their student, Polly Olsen, when she was prohibited from distributing religious-themed valentines in public spaces on campus.

State Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville), chair of the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee, issued the following statement:

“Polly Olsen is a dedicated student and citizen, the sort of person that we all hope to have as a neighbor or friend. When Northeast Wisconsin Technical College barred her from handing out a simple message of love and acceptance, it did a disservice to her, their community, and our taxpayers who invest in the college. Whenever colleges or universities restrict free speech, it violates the very core of why they exist, to expand minds and promote critical thinking. We are fortunate to have an organization like WILL to stand up for Polly Olsen’s freedom of speech.”

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