

The **RESPECT** Act

Starting a family, becoming a parent, and ending a pregnancy are some of the most personal, private decisions of our lives. Every person should be able to make these decisions without political interference.

Despite this, for the last six years, Wisconsin legislators have passed laws that take information and options away. These laws interfere with the patient-doctor relationship, contravene science, prevent good medical practice, and harm patients. Political interference in personal health care decisions undermines patient health. **Wisconsin patients and health care providers deserve better!**

The **RESPECT** Act will restore the rights of Wisconsinites to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions, free from harassment, intimidation, political interference, or false information. **That's something we can all believe in.**

Remove
Barriers to
Care

- Ensure patients have access to comprehensive reproductive health by repealing existing abortion restrictions.

Ensure
Honesty in
Health Care

- Ensure all patients receive honest, medically accurate information when seeking health care.

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KEEP POLITICIANS OUT OF THE EXAM ROOM

A patient, not politicians, knows what decision is best for them and their family. Most politicians aren't health care professionals and they don't have the medical education or training to legislate how health care professionals provide medical care. Unfortunately, that has not stopped Wisconsin politicians from inserting their personal biases into the private doctor-patient relationship. The RESPECT Act would repeal many of the politically-motivated, medically unnecessary, and harmful restrictions on abortion access that have been enacted in Wisconsin.

RESPECT Access to Care Bill:

Ensures that patients in Wisconsin can obtain a safe and legal abortion regardless of *Roe v. Wade*.

- Wisconsin state lawmakers have followed a disturbing national GOP trend of placing medically unnecessary restrictions on access to abortion that are not based in evidence or supported by the medical community.
- Unnecessary restrictions on abortion care create inconvenient, expensive, and sometimes dangerous barriers to accessing healthcare. This is especially true for people of color, rural Wisconsinites, undocumented people, younger patients, and lower income patients.
- As a response to new state abortion regulations, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* that all Americans have a constitutional right to access a safe, legal abortion and any laws that burden that right must be grounded in evidence that the law actually promotes a legitimate health benefit to patients.
- In the spirit of the *Whole Woman's Health* decision, this bill would prohibit the state from implementing laws or regulations that place a burden on a patient's access to abortion if the law or regulation does not create a legitimate health benefit that either expands a patient's access to health care services or is proven by evidence-based research to increase patient safety.
- Finally, the bill would eliminate existing Wisconsin's laws that treat abortion differently than other medical procedures and that have no basis in medical science or widely accepted medical best practices.

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RESPECT Medical Accuracy Bill:

Requires that patient care and information be grounded in evidence-based, medically accurate science.

Current Wisconsin law undermines the doctor-patient relationship and the informed consent process by mandating that doctors provide certain biased, medically inaccurate, or inappropriate information to patients seeking abortion care.

- This bill affirms the obligation for health care providers to provide medically accurate information to their patients in the context of abortion care, and creates a right for the patient to receive medically accurate information from their health care provider.
- It also prohibits the state or employers from interfering with or diminishing the rights and obligations of patients and providers relating to medically accurate information.
- Finally, it prohibits retribution by employers based upon a health care provider's exercise of the rights and obligations relating to the provision of medically accurate information to patients.