



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Governor Scott Walker
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Madison, WI 53703

Governor Walker,

As members of the Assembly Health Committee, we write today to request that you veto the provision in the state budget that would require additional audits of Wisconsin family planning centers. This provision is blatantly political, is duplicative of audits which have recently been completed or are in the process of being completed, and is a waste of taxpayer money.

Wisconsin family planning centers have proven time and again that they are good stewards of taxpayer dollars. Most of these centers are either currently undergoing audits or have undergone audits within the last few years. In fact, previous audits completed by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) that have purported to uncover abuse have had to be walked back as unfounded.

These health care centers provide critical preventative care that saves the state millions of dollars each year, despite the fact that they receive ninety percent of their funding from the federal government. Surely there must be a better use for taxpayer dollars than frivolous audits that show widespread compliance.

It appears that the goal here is not to root out fraud and waste, but is to further an obsession with making it more difficult for women and families to access prevention based, critical health care. We look forward to your veto of this provision.

Sincerely,

Rep. Chris Taylor
76th Assembly District

Rep. Debra Kolste
44th Assembly District

Rep. Lisa Subeck
78th Assembly District

Rep. JoCasta Zamarripa
8th Assembly District