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## **Governor Walker Establishes Future of the Family Commission**

*Stroebel: State Must Play a Role in Lifting up Families*

Madison, WI – Governor Walker recently issued Executive Order #184 relating to the Creation of the Future of the Family Commission. Among other things, the Order notes that “strong, stable families are the foundation for a prosperous society and help lift individuals out of poverty.”

It emphasizes that the “State has a role in analyzing and developing policies that strengthen and lift up all families.” The purpose of the commission is clear – to identify issues and barriers relating to the overall wellbeing of families in the state. The commission must submit a final report of its findings to Governor Walker by December 1, 2016.

In response to the Commission’s creation, Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) issued the following statement:

*I commend Governor Walker for creating the Future of the Family Commission. The state absolutely should have a role in developing policies that strengthen and lift up all families. Far too many children today are living in fractured homes. According to the Pew Research Center, only 46% of American children younger than 18 years of age live in a home with two married parents in their first marriage. To put this in perspective, that number was 73% in 1960. And we know statistics show children who grow up in strong stable families are far more likely to succeed in school and less likely to become entangled in our criminal justice system. I look forward to working with Governor Walker and the Future of the Family Commission.*

Senator Stroebel represents the 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties. He lives in Cedarburg with his wife Laura and eight children.

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