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Another Step to Defund Planned Parenthood

Madison—Representative Terry Katsma (R–Oostburg) voted today in favor of Assembly Bill (AB) 310, a measure that would require Wisconsin’s Department of Health Services to (1) apply annually to receive federal Title X grant funds and (2) direct these funds to family planning and preventive health care providers who do not perform abortions.

“There is not a single women’s health service provided by Planned Parenthood that is not available elsewhere in our state,” said Rep. Katsma. “Wisconsin has 162 federally qualified health clinics and rural health clinics where low-income patients can receive or be referred to comprehensive care—not counting private practices that accept Medicaid patients or uninsured patients.

“I applaud efforts already undertaken to expand health care access to underserved locations, and I am proud to take this next step to end subsidies for Big Abortion in our state. I am eager to move forward with further efforts to ban the trafficking of fetal tissues in Wisconsin.”

With today’s passage of AB 310 in the Assembly, the bill heads to the Senate for consideration.

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Representative Terry Katsma represents the 26th Assembly District including the cities of Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls; the villages of Adell, Oostburg, Random Lake and Cedar Grove; and the towns of Lima, Holland, Sherman and Wilson. He serves as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions and as a member of the committees on Consumer Protection, Housing and Real Estate, Ways and Means and Workforce Development.