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## Sen. Pfaff Stands Ready to Defend Reproductive Healthcare

**Madison, WI** – Today, Senator Pfaff joined Governor Evers, Planned Parenthood, and other reproductive healthcare advocates in Milwaukee, as Governor Evers called a special session of the legislature to repeal the 173 year old Wisconsin state statute that criminalizes abortion and provides no exceptions for abortion in the cases of rape or incest.

Early in May, Senator Pfaff was the first state legislator to call for a special legislative session to protect access to safe and legal abortion in response to the leaked U.S. Supreme Court draft decision indicating their intent to overturn Roe v. Wade. After the special session announcement, Sen. Pfaff released the following statement:

"Every Wisconsinite deserves uninterrupted access to the right to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions. I stand ready with my legislative colleagues to show the people of Wisconsin that we have their back and that we will fight like hell to protect their rights. There is no excuse for inaction."

"Governor Evers' call for the legislature to convene in special session to protect these freedoms should be applauded. I hope that my colleagues across the aisle will recognize the urgency of the moment that we all face and prioritize the most basic and fundamental rights of women to make their own healthcare decisions without government interference."

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Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District, which includes La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and southern Monroe County.