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Dear Pro-Life Advocate,

Thank you for your inquiry about the differences between **Pro-Life Wisconsin (PLW)** and **Wisconsin Right to Life (WRTL)**. Your question is an important one. In 1992, several pro-life leaders from across the state, some of whom had been actively involved in Wisconsin Right to Life, came together to form Pro-Life Wisconsin. The reason was simple: Wisconsin needed a **statewide legislative and educational organization dedicated to proclaiming the full Gospel of Life by defending each and every innocent human being *without exception***.

Pro-Life Wisconsin deeply desires a unified pro-life movement in our state. We coalesce with groups like Catholics 4 Life, Wisconsin Family Action, 40 Days for Life, Men of Christ, Women of Christ, the Catholic Medical Association, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Divine Mercy, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference of Bishops, and Councils of Catholic Women. Indeed, there is strength in unity. Different core principles exist between Pro-Life Wisconsin and Wisconsin Right to Life, however, that mitigate against a more complete unity. These differing principles can be seen in the following areas:

Personhood Amendment

Pro-Life Wisconsin skillfully leads the Wisconsin Personhood Amendment movement. The personhood movement is recognized worldwide by a rapidly growing number of pro-life leaders as the most effective means to end all abortion and other assaults on the lives of innocent preborn children. The Pro-Life Wisconsin Victory Fund Political Action Committee only endorses candidates for public office who would vote for the Wisconsin Personhood Amendment. Pro-Life Wisconsin works tirelessly to amend the Wisconsin Constitution to recognize the preborn child as a legal person, fully protected under Wisconsin law. Our Education Task Force and legislative programs carefully complement one another in this critical effort.

Wisconsin Right to Life actively opposes the Wisconsin Personhood Amendment. In fact, they ask candidates to vote against the personhood amendment in their candidate survey. Wisconsin Right to Life uses their Education Fund and legislative resources to wage an aggressive campaign against passage of the Wisconsin Personhood Amendment. Wisconsin Right to Life Education Fund is known as The Veritas Society (www.wrtl.org/tv/).

Exceptions for Abortion

Pro-Life Wisconsin opposes direct, intentional abortion in all cases. Pro-Life Wisconsin does not support legislation that undermines the personhood of the preborn child by explicitly including exceptions for rape, incest, disability, or

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perceived threat to the mother's health or life. To do so would contradict the very foundation of the pro-life movement – the dignity of every person.

Wisconsin Right to Life supports exceptions for rape and incest, as well as when the life of the mother is perceived to be in danger. Wisconsin Right to Life has advocated for these exceptions in parental consent, informed consent, partial-birth abortion, ultrasound and other legislation intended to regulate the abortion industry. Wisconsin Right to Life Political Action Committee endorses candidates for public office who support abortion in the cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is perceived to be in danger.

Contraception

Pro-Life Wisconsin opposes all forms of artificial birth control. Pro-Life Wisconsin educates against the contraceptive mentality and exposes the critical link between contraception and abortion. To be sure, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* that people have a right to a "...reliance on the availability of abortion in the event that contraception should fail."

Wisconsin Right to Life "takes no position on birth control to prevent pregnancy or on whether family planning programs should or should not exist" (WRTL 2003, memo to legislators on the Family Planning Demonstration Project). They proudly state "Since it's founding in 1968 Wisconsin Right to Life has remained neutral on birth control" (April 2014 "Wisconsin Right to Life and Pro-Life Wisconsin: Is There a Difference").

Christian / Secular Organization

Pro-Life Wisconsin is proud to be a Christian organization, recognizing the pro-life battle is a spiritual one and ultimately dependent upon God for victory. We proudly evangelize the full Gospel of Life as applicable to and necessary for people of all faiths. The Gospel of Life condemns contraception.

Wisconsin Right to Life is a secular organization, welcoming as leaders people of any belief system. Their founder, Archbishop William F. Cousins, held that "...non-Catholics had the 'freedom of conscience' to use methods of contraception that were morally acceptable to them..." (Milwaukee Sentinel, Dec.15, 1964).

These are profound differences that manifest themselves educationally, legislatively and politically. The 100% pro-life position – no exceptions, no compromise – is both principled and politically prudent. Our job is to defend the babies, proclaim the fullness of the Truth, and to be faithful to God's desire that not "one of these little ones should perish" (Mt. 18:14).

The board of directors and staff of Pro-Life Wisconsin join you in praying for the pro-life movement in Wisconsin and especially for an end to the killing. **May God unite us in Truth.**

Your friends at Pro-Life Wisconsin, Inc.