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Tony Evers Wastes No Time Implementing Pro-Abortion Agenda *Taps Planned Parenthood of WI CEO as Key Health Advisor*

Madison, WI — Today, State Senator David Craig (R-Town of Vernon) responded to Governor-elect Tony Evers' appointment of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin CEO, Tanya Atkinson, to his health policy advisory council determining the new administration's posture on healthcare and abortion over the next four years.

"Blink and you missed it, but Tony Evers just slipped a top abortion activist onto his transition team. The appointment of Planned Parenthood of WI's CEO shows Evers' promotion of the pro-abortion agenda and his commitment to making it a key part of his administration," said Senator Craig. **"It's disturbing to see that Evers is already surrounding himself with liberal, Madison special interests so out of step with the rest of the state."**

Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider executing 321,384 abortions last year according to their most recent report. Abortions represent their most expensive and lucrative procedure. The organization ended last fiscal year with net assets in excess of \$1.6 billion.

"Planned Parenthood masquerades as a healthcare provider while funding their activities through taxpayer subsidies and the killing of pre-born babies. Now, thanks to Tony Evers, their activists will have a seat at the table directing state policy," said Senator Craig. **"This appointment sends Wisconsinites a message that they should not be surprised if Evers' first budget includes abortion funding by taxpayers or repeal of measures protecting the unborn."**

Recent polling by Politico showed only 36% percent of Americans support the public funding of abortions. Last session, Republicans enacted a law to prevent the state health plans from covering abortion services. Republicans still maintain the majorities in both the state senate and state assembly however, budget proposals and many functions of state government originate with the governor.

"I will strongly oppose any and all efforts to force taxpayers to fund Planned Parenthood and will vigorously defend against any attempts to dismantle protections for the unborn," added Senator Craig.

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Senator Craig represents the 28th Senate District which includes parts of Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, and Walworth counties.