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Resolution in support of Medical Reproductive
Legislative Title
Student Health Advisory committee Rights
Sponsoring Committee

Summary: This resolution shares data about reproductive right and UWSP SGA support behind access to medical reproductive rights for women

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<p>Sponsoring Committee</p> <p><u>4</u> / <u>0</u> / <u>2</u> Y / N / A</p> <p><u>Grace</u> Chair's Signature</p>	<p>Rules Committee</p> <p>— / — / — Y / N / A</p> <p>_____ Chair's Signature</p>	<p>General Assembly</p> <p>— / — / — Y / N / A</p> <p>_____ Chair's Signature</p>
<p>Constitution Review Committee</p> <p><i>If the legislation is a bylaw amendment or constitutional amendment, it must pass through Constitution Review Committee</i></p> <p>— / — / — Y / N / A</p> <p>_____ Chair's Signature</p>		

Presidential Signature | Date

If applicable, veto override: — / —
Y / N

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Attach Explanation

Speaker of the Senate signature, if applicable | Date

1 **Resolution in Support of Medical Reproductive Rights**

2 **Whereas**, The Supreme Court of the United States of America overturned Roe v. Wade on June
3 24th, 2022, taking away federal protection for medical reproductive rights across the country ⁴;

4 **Whereas**, 15 states implemented abortion restrictions after the overturn of Roe v. Wade,
5 resulting in limited access to abortion in the case of a pregnancy¹;

6 **Whereas**, Currently, Wisconsin bans abortion past 22 weeks of gestation, which required
7 waiting periods and parental consent for minors, and includes no exceptions for rape and
8 incest¹²;

9 **Whereas**, According to Harvard School of Public Health, restricting access to safe and legal
10 abortions does not lower the abortion rates, but increases the rate of illegal, unsafe abortion
11 practices along with death rates from these practices³;

12 **Whereas**, Before the legalization of abortion, according to Planned Parenthood, 17% of death
13 related to pregnancy and childbirth were caused by unsafe abortion practices. After the Roe v.
14 Wade decision in 1973, only 0.3% of pregnancy related deaths were caused from abortion
15 complications ⁴;

16 **Whereas**, According to Ana Langer a professor of the practice of public health and coordinator of
17 the Women and Health Initiative at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health., access to medical
18 reproductive rights allows women to finish school, pursue higher education, and participate in
19 the workforce at higher rates for all social classes, enabling them to reach their full potential and
20 effectively participate within society ³;

21 **Whereas**, Duke University conducted a study that estimates the pregnancy mortality rate in the
22 case of a total abortion ban in the US. In the years after a ban, total deaths would increase 21%
23 for all populations. These numbers do not include mortality estimates if unsafe practices increase
24 due to limited access to abortion resources⁵;

25 **Whereas**, Restricting access to abortion services, according to United Nations (UN) Human
26 Rights Chief Michelle Bachelet, is a human rights violation that contributes to gender inequality
27 and violates the right to health that supports bodily autonomy; ⁶

28 **Whereas**, The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women calls for the
29 US to legalize abortion practices and remove punishment for those who receive the procedure ⁶;

30 **Whereas**, Legal and safe access to abortion reduces unwanted, underage pregnancy, and
31 pregnancy mortality⁶;

32 **Therefore it be resolved**, The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government
33 Association supports the access to medical reproductive rights and bodily autonomy for people
34 across campus, within Wisconsin, and across the United States;

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35 **Therefore it be further resolved,** We support the passing of federal and state protection for
36 medical reproductive services such as abortion and support the freedom to choose as a human
37 right for all people;

38 **Therefore be it further resolved,** The University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Student
39 Government Association calls on state and federal legislators to advocate on behalf of its citizens
40 for their right to legal and accessible abortion services;

41 **Therefore be it finally resolved,** Upon the passing of this resolution, it shall be sent to:
42 Chancellor Thomas Gibson, Provost and Vice Chancellor La Vonne Cornell-Swanson, Vice
43 Chancellor Al Thompson, Mayor Mike Wiza, State Representative Katrina Shankland, State
44 Representative Shannon Zimmerman, State Representative Dave Considine, President Pro
45 Tempore Patrick Testin, State Representative Alex Joers, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers,
46 Common Council Chair Kristi Roth, Vice Chancellor Pratima Gandhi, Chief of Staff Rob
47 Manzke, Health Director Dr. Helen Luce, Center for Preventions Program Director Stacy
48 Duellman, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Troy Seppelt,
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50 Director Cronce, SGA Head Justice Garrigan, SGA Speaker of the Senate Rogers, Speaker Pro
51 Tempore Mahner

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