



# Heal Without Harm

## ETHICAL RESEARCH COALITION

*Heal Without Harm is a coalition of organizations and citizens dedicated to working with the scientific community to encourage it toward ethical research. The coalition is composed of member organizations, including: Wisconsin Right to Life, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Action and Pro-Life Wisconsin, among others.*



## Time is Running Out; Action is Needed Now

Today, the Heal Without Harm (HWH) Coalition, along with medical researchers and grassroots activists from all four major pro-life organizations in the state of Wisconsin, testified in support of the Heal Without Harm Legislative Initiative at the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety's public hearing for SB 423, SB 424, and SB 422.

The Heal Without Harm Legislative Initiative consists of two complementary bills, the Fetal Remains Respect Act (SB 423/AB 549) and the Unborn Child Disposition and Anatomical Gift Act (SB 424/AB 550), authored by Sen. Terry Moulton (R-Chippewa Falls) and Rep. Joel Kleefisch (R-Oconomowoc).

At the public hearing, the HWH Coalition stated that, "... the Heal Without Harm Initiative can make a lasting positive impact on the state. Senate Bills 423 and 424, along with their companions, Assembly Bill 549 and 550, will ensure that in Wisconsin, no researcher need operate under a cloud of controversy and no patient need to choose life over conscience."

The HWH Coalition continued, highlighting that, "These two bills represent a compromise, and a holistic solution to creating an ethical research environment in Wisconsin," by including no criminal penalties and exempting already existing cell lines from the ban on fetal tissue. Further, the Heal Without Harm Legislative Initiative ensures, "that our state can build on its lead in biotechnology without compromising its bioethics," by promoting the donation of ethical fetal tissue derived from natural loss such as miscarriage or stillbirth.

Finally, the HWH Coalition concluded by emphasizing, "With limited floor periods left this year, and leadership in both chambers indicating that there will be an early end to session, the Heal Without Harm Coalition understands that time is short for these bills to be successful."

Wisconsinites are encouraged to contact their State Senators and ask them to ensure the Heal Without Harm Legislative Initiative is passed out of committee as soon as possible.

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