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WCC CELEBRATES LIVES THAT WILL BE SAVED DUE TO PAUSE IN ABORTIONS

The Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC), the public policy voice of Wisconsin's Catholic bishops, welcomes today's [announcement](#) that Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin will pause abortions beginning on October 1, 2025.

Planned Parenthood's action is in response to the new federal tax law (One Big Beautiful Bill Act), which imposes a one-year prohibition on federal funding to certain entities that receive Medicaid funding and provide abortions.

Tia Izzia, WCC Associate Director for Human Life & Social Concerns, noted that no one knows how long the pause will last, but that "it is undeniable that many human lives will be saved for as long as the pause is in effect."

"However," Izzia continued, "while we celebrate the lives saved, we must redouble our efforts to support both mother and child. The entire state—public and private entities and individuals—must ensure that pregnant women receive the care they need to bring their unborn children to term, and to help both mother and child thrive in the years to come. This is why Wisconsin's bishops support [Assembly Bill 97](#), which expands postpartum care for mothers who are on Medicaid. The bill's companion has already passed the Senate. It is time for the Assembly to advance the bill."

"Let us come together to walk alongside every family. They are Wisconsin's greatest hope," Izzia concluded.

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