



Position Statement on Abortion

I believe that abortion should be legal and safe. A woman should not be a criminal for having an abortion.

Because of my faith and my convictions, as a senator I will work to reduce the number of abortions.

I believe that the best way to reduce the number of abortions is to reduce unplanned pregnancies and to provide strong support services for prospective mothers and young families. Specifically these include:

- ❖ Reducing teen pregnancies through education that encourages abstinence, family responsibility and is medically accurate.
- ❖ Providing necessary community resources to support healthy pregnancies and healthy families.
- ❖ Ensuring women's access to health services (including legal contraceptives) and equity in health insurance coverage.
- ❖ Making adoption a more attractive and an easier alternative.
- ❖ Providing support for families in need of quality child care.
- ❖ Promoting family friendly employment policies.
- ❖ Promoting economic opportunity for all families.

These policies will seek to build a society in which pregnancies are planned and families with children are supported.

I support the present Wisconsin abortion laws. I do not support additional restrictions on physicians who perform abortions, or on women who have made a decision to have an abortion.

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