

Pro-Life Organization Calls Wisconsin Hospitals to Stop Funding Abortion

Pro-Life Wisconsin is fighting to get lawmakers to uphold a state law which makes it illegal for the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Authority to pay physicians for performing abortions at a Planned Parenthood facility.

Alliance Defense Fund attorneys sent a letter Tuesday on the organization's behalf to Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen, asking that he uphold the law. After making a vow in December to end its state-funded late-term abortion program, UWHCA is now wanting to continue its funding of abortions through training.

"State agency medical facilities should only be training and paying residents to protect and preserve preborn children—not destroy them," ADF Legal Counsel Matt Bowman says. "State law makes it illegal for state entities, including the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Authority, to fund the killing of preborn children through training or other programs. We are confident that Attorney General Van Hollen will acknowledge that UWHCA is not above the law."

Wis. Stat. was amended by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 in June, which makes it illegal for the UWHCA to continue its payments to physician-residents to perform abortions at Planned Parenthood Wisconsin or any other facility.

"The UWHCA must not be allowed to ignore its legal obligations by pursuing or continuing any scheme in which it seeks to fund the performance of abortions," the ADF letter to the attorney general states. "The State of Wisconsin has decided that neither 'funds of the state' nor 'funds of state agencies,' including funds of UWHCA, should pay for abortions."

The ADF discovered in January 2009, UWHCA's heinous plans to create a full-service practice for the aborting of 19-22-week-old preborn children. This practice would have likely involved medical residents' participation in the killing of second-trimester babies. Before that, the second-trimester abortions occurred at Planned Parenthood.

ADF attorneys sent a letter that year urging UWHCA to cease its plans for the late-term abortion program, which UWHCA subsequently confirmed it would end at the Madison Surgery Center last December.