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Major National Organization Endorses the *Coercive Abortion Prevention Act* (AB 427)

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The *Coercive Abortion Prevention Act* (AB 427) would protect women who are being coerced into having abortions against their will. **The legislation will be voted on by the State Assembly on Tuesday, October 30.**

Silent No More Awareness, a major national organization, has endorsed the Wisconsin legislation. The *Silent No More Awareness Campaign* strives to make the public aware of the devastation abortion brings to women and men. The campaign seeks to expose and heal the secrecy and silence surrounding the emotional and physical pain of abortion.

In commenting on the Wisconsin *Coercive Abortion Prevention Act*, Georgette Forney, Co-Founder of the SNMAC said, "In recent months alone, we've seen numerous high profile news stories about women threatened and intimidated by their parents, boyfriends, and others into having abortions. I know from talking to thousands of women that these are not isolated cases. I also know that the pain and torment caused by an abortion can only be magnified when a woman submits involuntarily to the taking of her child. I don't see how anyone could oppose the measure."

Janet Morana, another SNMAC co-founder added, "The Wisconsin bill only requires an abortionist to determine if the woman's consent is voluntary and to provide her with information about available services should the doctor determine that she's at risk of domestic abuse. It's a small step toward protecting women from this kind of violence, but it's absolutely necessary."

At a public hearing held on this bill on September 13 before the Assembly Judiciary and Ethics Committee, courageous Wisconsin women told their personal stories regarding their own experiences with coerced abortions. Also testifying were representatives of organizations who counsel women who have had abortions, including those who have been coerced into having abortions.

The Coercive Abortion Prevention Act is authored in the Assembly by Rep. Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin) and Rep. Pat Strachota (R-West Bend). The Senate authors are Sen. Roger Breske (D-Eland) and Sen. Mary Lazich (R-New Berlin).

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