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TO: Members, Wisconsin State Senate
FROM: Matt Sande, Director of Legislation
RE: **Senate confirmation of Roger Axtell (UW Hospital & Clinics Authority Board)**

Pro-Life Wisconsin encourages you to vote **NO** on the reappointment of **Roger Axtell** to the University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics (UWHC) Authority Board. On February 4, 2009, Roger Axtell voted in favor of establishing a second-trimester abortion practice at the Madison Surgery Center (MSC), a joint venture between the UW Medical Foundation, the UWHC, and Meriter Hospital. Both healthy and disabled babies 19 through 22 weeks old are to be “terminated” by dilation and evacuation (D&E), the standard abortion method used after 13 weeks whereby the cervix is dilated and the unborn child is dismembered with plier-like forceps. Force is needed to pull the baby apart.

Abortion is not health care. And barbaric late-term abortion procedures that are painful to the baby and dangerous to the mother’s life and health are certainly not health care. By voting for the MSC’s late-term abortion practice, Roger Axtell failed in his duty to provide true health care to those most in need of it: vulnerable women and their even more vulnerable preborn children. He completely ignored life-saving alternatives such as special needs adoption or pre-natal hospice care. His lack of compassion and concern for the lives of mothers and their preborn children makes him unfit to serve on the board of our state’s flagship hospital.

Again, we encourage you to vote **NO** on the reappointment of Roger Axtell to the UWHC Authority Board. The Wisconsin Senate needs to confirm board members who are willing to do the hard work of finding humane and compassionate alternatives to abortion. Thank you for your consideration.