



## Dear Iowans,

Voters of all political stripes in this country want candidates who are honest about where they stand on critical issues so that we know what we're getting.

**We are Wisconsinites who know for sure that our governor, Scott Walker, will never be honest with you.**

Ahead of his visit to Iowa this weekend, we write to share a few facts.

Scott Walker has a long record of restricting access to contraception and legal abortion. But when seeking re-election last year, he knew this agenda did not match Wisconsin priorities, so in a campaign ad five months ago, looking straight into the camera, he touted a record on abortion that leaves "the final decision to a woman and her doctor."<sup>[i]</sup>

The reality is that as a state legislator, Scott Walker sponsored an abortion ban bill<sup>[ii]</sup> and another that would allow doctors and pharmacists to refuse to provide contraception.<sup>[iii]</sup> As governor, Walker signed a bill that forces women to undergo invasive, medically unnecessary ultrasounds prior to obtaining an abortion,<sup>[iv]</sup> and his budgets closed five needed women's health-care centers across the state.<sup>[v]</sup> Walker also signed a law banning insurance plans in the state health-care exchange from including abortion coverage in private plans<sup>[vi]</sup> – plans we pay for with our own money.

This record is a problem for Scott Walker, and he uses it only in moments he finds convenient. Last October, he repeatedly sidestepped reporters' questions about whether he would favor abortion bans if re-elected.<sup>[vii]</sup> But seeking support for a presidential campaign in a private meeting this January in Iowa, he made clear his early support for "personhood," which would ban all abortions, in-vitro fertilization, and certain types of contraception.<sup>[viii]</sup> Voters in red and blue states have rejected this dangerous policy every single time it's been on the ballot. If Scott Walker makes it to a general election, it's safe to assume that he will take to the airwaves to reassure us on this issue. He has already shown he will blatantly misrepresent his own record.

We all believe in the freedom of women and families to make the reproductive decisions that are best for them without meddling from politicians. We wanted that for our state, as we do for Iowa and America. We also want a president with integrity, one whose word we can trust. Scott Walker cannot be trusted, and we thought you should know.

**Sincerely,  
Your Wisconsin Neighbors**

[i] "Decision," *Friends of Scott Walker* [Oct. 6, 2014]

[ii] *Wisconsin Assembly Bill 220* [June 1998]

[iii] "Memo to reporters: Scott Walker's Extreme Position On Women's Health," *Wisconsin Democrats* [Oct. 8, 2014]

[iv] "Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker signs bill requiring ultrasounds for women seeking abortions," *CBS News* [July, 6, 2013]

[v] "Fifth Planned Parenthood Clinic Closes In Wisconsin," *Huffington Post* [Sept. 25, 2014]

[vi] *Letter to Wisconsin Family Action, Friends of Scott Walker* [Sept. 5, 2014]

[vii] "Scott Walker Dodges Questions On Abortion, Birth Control," *Huffington Post* [Oct. 15, 2014]

[viii] "In Pre-Primary Pivot to Right, Walker Shifts Tone on Abortion," *The New York Times* [Feb. 22, 2015]

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