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TO: Members of the Senate Labor, Public Safety and Urban Affairs Committee

FR: Ken Taylor, Executive Director

RE: Opposition to Senate Bill 8, conforming Wisconsin's Family Medical Leave Law to the Federal Family Medical Leave Law

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (WCCF) continues to make Wisconsin a place where all families have the opportunity to thrive. For children that means growing up in a just, safe and nurturing family and community. Investing in children now is a social imperative with an economic payoff.

In 1988, Wisconsin was one of the first states to pass a Family Medical Leave Act, with the leadership of the late Senator John Plewa. Senator Plewa is forever linked to this groundbreaking legislation that enables workers to care for loved ones and to allow a new mother to spend time with her baby. Wisconsin's Family Medical Leave Act allows caregivers to use their accrued sick time and vacation time when doing what is best for their family.

to care for her newborn, and The new legislative majority is now targeting provisions of the state FMLA that are more generous than the federal and that provide important protections to Wisconsin workers and their families.