

Walker Says He'd Sign 20-Week Abortion Bill Without Rape or Incest Exceptions

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DEHAVAN - Governor Scott Walker, a likely Republican presidential candidate, reaffirmed Monday that he'd sign a 20-week abortion ban even if it doesn't include an exemption for rape or incest.



Walker was asked by reporters about the bill after a speech at a Boys and Girls Club event in the Wisconsin city of Delavan, according to the [Associated Press](#).

Legislation banning abortions after 20 weeks is scheduled for a public hearing on Tuesday in Madison, the AP said. The bill doesn't include exemptions for rape or incest.

He had said as much in March, when he sent an open letter to the Susan B. Anthony List trying to calm concerns among those frustrated by what they saw as Walker's vagueness on the issue during his 2014 reelection race and in some interviews.

In a statement released Tuesday, State Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-Madison) said on the SB 179/AB 237 Abortion Ban:



"We have heard heartbreaking stories in this public hearing. Every single person, on these committees and in this Legislature, should recognize that these decisions should be made by a woman, her family, and her doctor, not by me, not by any politician."

Erpenbach continues:

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"There is not one recognized medical organization that supports this bill, and the reality is, in Wisconsin it will affect a small number of women, less than 100 in 2013. Every single one of those 100 women, faced difficult, distressing and often heartbreaking decisions with their families.

"Doctors should not be made criminals, women's lives should not be put at risk, all for the sake of politics. I cannot believe that my fellow legislators would ever interfere in the lives of their constituents in such a dangerous, irresponsible way."