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Pro-Family Group Files Complaint with Judicial Commission Regarding Justice Butler
Wisconsin Family Action shows the justice's inability to exercise independent judgment

MADISON — Today Wisconsin Family Action filed a formal request for investigation with the Wisconsin Judicial Commission charging that Justice Louis Butler has misled Wisconsin citizens and impaired his ability to render fair and impartial decisions in cases affecting so-called “gay rights” and marriage.

The request documents that Justice Butler, after having said he would not take money from parties to cases before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, did just that. Justice Butler took money from two board members of the pro-homosexual, pro-same-sex marriage organization Fair Wisconsin (formerly Action Wisconsin) while the high court is considering a case involving the group. Additionally, the request shows his interaction with pro-homosexual organizations and their efforts on his behalf.

“The record is more than compelling,” said Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action. “When you combine Justice Butler’s willingness to disregard his own promises to the public, his appearance at a state LGBT PAC event and that group’s subsequent endorsement of Butler, it’s clear that he has severely compromised his ability to be impartial on cases involving Fair Wisconsin and issues of interest to that group.”

Wisconsin Family Action advocates for the preservation of traditional marriage in Wisconsin and actively supported Wisconsin’s Marriage Protection Amendment, passed by nearly 60% of Wisconsin voters in November 2006.

“Right now we are tracking several cases related to our pro-family, pro-traditional marriage position. Two of those cases are already before the Supreme Court. The other, a direct challenge to the constitutionality of the marriage amendment, will likely land there. We are very concerned about Justice Butler’s ability to rule on these cases—and any others of a similar nature—in a fair and impartial way. We believe his actions warrant a formal complaint,” concluded Appling.

Wisconsin Family Action has provided an interview on this issue with VCY America. The interview is available at http://vcyamerica.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=125&Itemid=132. Julaine Appling is available for other media interviews.

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