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10,000 Signed Petitions Delivered to Governor Evers "Take Down the 'Pride' Flag; Unite, Don't Divide Our State"

MADISON, WI—This morning Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Council, and a group of concerned citizens in delivering 10,000 signed petitions to Governor Tony Evers' office in the East Wing of the State Capitol. The petition addresses the Governor's decision earlier this month to fly the LGBT "Rainbow Pride Flag" over the State Capitol and authorizing other state and public buildings to do the same, if they choose to.

"When the Governor issued his Executive Order regarding this flag on Friday, June 7, we immediately responded by encouraging people to call the Governor's office and share their opinion on this decision. On Tuesday, June 11, Wisconsin Family Council launched this petition drive to make it easier for people to express their opinion. In just two weeks we have had 10,000 Wisconsin citizens sign the petition calling on the Governor to remove the 'Rainbow Pride Flag' from the state capitol. That's an incredible response," Appling commented.

"Obviously many citizens are very concerned about this inappropriate and divisive decision and are reminding the Governor that the State Capitol or any state or public building are places representing *all* Wisconsin citizens, not just a select special-interest group, and that any flag that flies over these buildings should reflect that truth."

The petition drive was conducted online, with a print version also available that people could download and circulate for multiple signatures.

Appling further remarked, "Governor Evers said during his campaign and has repeated since he took office, that he wants to unite Wisconsin. Flying this special-interest-group flag over the seat of government belonging to all Wisconsin citizens is anything but unifying. Our state affords Governor Evers many opportunities to find common ground and work together for the benefit of all our citizens."

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Wisconsin Family Council is a statewide organization engaged in strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious liberty in Wisconsin.