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Kapanke Rejects Compassionate Care for Rape Victims...Again

Senator votes against bi-partisan rape victim's bill for 3rd time

Madison – Senator Dan Kapanke today voted against the “Compassionate Care for Rape Victims Bill” for a third time in his short career in the State Senate. In doing so, he was one of only 6 Senators to vote against this bi-partisan legislation, which passed even the Republican controlled Assembly by a vote of 61-35.

“It’s pretty sad to see Senator Kapanke and the far right playing partisan games with the victims of these horrible crimes,” said Senate Majority Leader Russ Decker. “Fortunately this time there was enough bi-partisan support to prevent him from killing the bill.”

Kapanke has a long history of toeing the radical right’s line on opposing compassionate care. In 2007 he was one of only 6 Senators to oppose this bill. Worse still, in 2005 Kapanke used his vote to ban the Senate from even taking a vote on the issue.

“The people of the 32nd district have to ask themselves if they really want a Senator who claims to be a moderate, but then takes right-wing stands on the most important issues,” continued Decker. “I have a feeling we’ll get that answer in November.”

The bill, which now moves on to the Governor’s desk, guarantee’s that medically accurate information is given to rape victims by the doctors who treat them, and ensures that if they ask for emergency contraception, it will be provided.

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