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**Coalition, including NFL and Mark Tauscher, holding press conference
in support of youth concussion legislation 10 a.m. Wed. Feb. 22 at State Capitol**

Milwaukee (2/21/12) – A coalition of stakeholders will hold a press conference and visit legislators to voice support for concussion legislation. Because children and adolescents are more susceptible than adults to concussion, this bill helps promote education and awareness of concussion. Athletes, parents and coaches all need to have a basic understanding of concussion to decrease the amount of mismanagement surrounding the injury.

WHO:

Scheduled to speak:

- Kevin Walter, MD, program director, Pediatric and Adolescent Sports Medicine, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and an assistant professor of Orthopedics and Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin
- Dave Anderson, executive director, Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
- Representative Jason Fields
- Senator Alberta Darling
- David T. Bernhardt, MD, Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Orthopedics/Rehab; Division of Sports Medicine, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- Brock Rosenkranz, Richland Center High School Senior (parents: Bob and Connie)
- Riley Standeven, Abbotsford High School
- Kenneth Edmonds, Director, Government Relations & Public Policy, National Football League
- Mark Tauscher, former Green Bay Packer tackle

Available for interview :

- Mike VanVeghel, Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association
- Carmen Liebelt, Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association

WHAT:

The Assembly passed [AB 259](#) last year unanimously. There are bipartisan authors of the legislation and strong bipartisan support. The coalition is urging the Senate to schedule a vote on the bill, [SB 243](#), before the session ends in March.

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WHEN: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22

WHERE: Senate Parlor, Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, Wis.

Organizations Supportive of AB259 (Fields) as passed on Assembly Floor and Senate Substitute 1 to SB243
(Darling):

Children's Hospital & Health System
Green Bay Packers
Marshfield Clinic
Medical College of Wisconsin
National Football League
Safe Kids Wisconsin
UW Hospital & Clinics
University of Wisconsin Madison
Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians
Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association
Wisconsin Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics
Wisconsin Council on Children & Families
Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools
Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Wisconsin Medical Society
Wisconsin Psychiatric Association
Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association
Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association

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