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MTEA Statement on Sex Discrimination Case

Milwaukee – On April 3, 2008, the MTEA filed a sex discrimination complaint with Wisconsin's Equal Rights Division citing the fact that the MPS health insurance plans exclude FDA-approved "Viagra and similar medications" which are prescribed to treat erectile dysfunction – an exclusively male condition that is associated with heart disease, diabetes, prostate cancer, and other conditions.

This exclusion from an otherwise comprehensive pharmacy plan is discriminatory against men, and creates barriers to receiving medically necessary treatment.

MTEA does not believe any person should be subjected to discrimination. We have a long history of upholding our members' rights using the channels available to us.

The MTEA and MPS are grappling with many issues at this time. We continue to devote time, attention, and resources to the issue of layoffs and working with the new administration as we prepare for the 2010-11 school year.

However, our advocacy for members in cases of discrimination or other unfair treatment will continue, even as we attend to other important issues that impact our members and the students and families we serve.

If you have questions, please contact Kris Collett, Communication Specialist for the MTEA at collettk@weac.org, 414-259-1990, or 414-807-5193.

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