GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

FIGHTING LIKE HELL TO PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Governor Whitmer is using every tool in her toolbox to protect reproductive freedom in Michigan. She repealed Michigan's extreme 1931 abortion ban, signed the Reproductive Health Act to expand access to reproductive health care, and took other critical actions to protect Michiganders' bodily autonomy.

- Signed the Reproductive Health Act to repeal politically motivated, medically unnecessary statues that criminalized nurses and doctors, forced health care providers to close, raised costs for patients, and restricted access to abortion.
- Repealed Michigan's extreme 1931 abortion ban.
- Signed a law prohibiting employers from discriminating against women because they've had an abortion.
- Signed bills decriminalizing surrogacy and protecting IVF in Michigan.
- Filed a proactive lawsuit and petitioned the Michigan Supreme Court to protect abortion access for more than 2.2 million Michiganders of reproductive age.
- Filed and won a restraining order and later a preliminary injunction to prevent nurses and doctors from being prosecuted for providing reproductive health care.
- Instructed state departments to identify and assess opportunities to increase protections for reproductive health and increase public awareness. As a result, expanded access to birth control for 200,000 retirees and their families and enabled pharmacists to prescribe hormonal birth control.
- Signed an executive order refusing to extradite women and abortion providers who come to Michigan seeking reproductive freedom.
- Vetoed budget language in state budgets that aimed to roll back access to abortion and reproductive healthcare.
- Called on the federal government to make birth control available over the counter without a prescription, reduce barriers to mifepristone, and clarify Michiganders' right to cross the US-Canada border to seek reproductive health care.
- Called on Michigan insurers to make sure women have coverage for reproductive healthcare and called on big tech companies to take steps to protect private health and location data.
- Announced new protocols so EMS responders can carry emergency contraception and are prepared to work with sexual assault survivors.
- Signed legislation extending the time sexual assault survivors can file charges.
- Consistently invested in and expanded Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, an initiative to address disproportionate racial impacts of maternal and infant mortality.
- Sought a waiver to expand "Plan First!", offering no or low-cost family planning services for Medicaid eligible families. Expanded Plan First! in the budget.
- Established a policy that will guarantee critical medical resources and support to Department of Corrections' pregnant and post-partum prisoners and their newborns.
- Made free contraceptive resources available at over 300 locations across Michigan.
- Expanded RxKids to over 50 communities from Detroit to the Upper Peninsula.
- Signed bills giving Michiganders access to basic health care by allowing pharmacists to directly prescribe and dispense contraceptives to patients.
- Joined the Reproductive Freedom Alliance, a nonpartisan coalition of 23 governors working together to protect and expand reproductive freedom across the United States.

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