



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MICHIGAN

*EDUCATING AND ADVOCATING FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT*

December 11, 2012

Governor Rick Snyder  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Snyder:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan urges you to veto the recently enrolled bills, SB 1293-1294, to change the statutes for Blue Cross Blue Shield because of the inappropriate language added to limit access to health insurance coverage for abortions.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters believes that the public policy of a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

The amendments adopted to require riders for abortion coverage were adopted without any discussion at the committee hearings or opportunities for public review. These amendments will harm the health and well-being of Michigan women and their families. There is no reason for a safe legal medical procedure to be treated in this manner. No other medical service is treated like this.

On January 9, 2001, former Governor John Engler vetoed similar legislation, noting that he did not support “involving state government in contract disputes between two private entities.” The League of Women Voters urges you to take similar action on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Kay Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Susan Smith, President  
League of Women Voters of Michigan