



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MICHIGAN

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December 17, 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, HB 5711, to make to access to abortion services more difficult in Michigan by adding more regulations than required for any other medical procedures.

HB 5711 will reduce access to needed health care for women throughout Michigan, especially for those in rural Michigan. The targeted regulation of providers who perform abortions and their medical facilities will reduce the number of clinics providing abortions in Michigan at a time when 83% of Michigan counties have no provider who will perform abortions. The proposed telemedicine requirements that prohibit providing women with medication abortion services actually include emergency contraception. This limits access for women to family planning services.

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.

We urge you to oppose HB 5711 and to protect access to safe, legal abortions and other medical procedures in Michigan.

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