

Reproductive Freedom For All

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What's At Stake

If the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, a 1931 Michigan law could go back into effect, making abortion illegal and threatening doctors who provide abortion services with prison for up to 15 years. This amendment would make sure no one goes to prison for providing safe medical care as well as ensure access to a broad range of reproductive health care, including abortion.

In Michigan, we trust women. The decision of whether to become pregnant or a parent is too important to leave up to politicians. This proposal will affirm that every Michigander has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which involves the right to make and carry out decisions without political interference about all matters relating to pregnancy, including birth control, abortion, prenatal care, and childbirth.

Protecting reproductive freedom in the Michigan Constitution will preserve this right for all Michiganders in our state, no matter what happens in Washington, D.C. Together, Michigan voters can protect reproductive freedom – for ourselves, our families, and our future.

Frequently Asked Questions

What would this measure do?

This proposal will affirm that every person has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which involves the right to make and carry out decisions without political interference about all matters relating to pregnancy, including birth control, abortion, prenatal care, and childbirth.

Specifically, this measure will ensure that all Michiganders have the right to safe and respectful care during birthing, everyone has the right to use temporary or permanent birth control, everyone has the right to continue or end a pregnancy pre-viability, and no one can be punished for having a miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion.

Why is this measure needed?

Important medical decisions should be guided by a patient's health and wellbeing, not by a politician's beliefs. But for far too long, politicians across the country have been fighting to restrict reproductive health care, and now they are gaining ground.

If the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, a 1931 Michigan law could go back into effect that would make abortion illegal and threaten doctors with prison for up to fifteen years for providing an abortion. In addition to ensuring access to a broad range of reproductive health care, this amendment would make sure no one goes to prison for providing safe medical care. Protecting reproductive freedom in the Michigan Constitution will preserve this right for all Michiganders in our state, no matter what happens in Washington, D.C.

When people are able to make decisions about their own reproductive health care, including whether and when to have children, they have more control over their health and their economic security.

Why do we need to vote on this measure and amend the state constitution? Why can't the legislature just pass a bill?

In Michigan, we trust women. The decision of whether to become pregnant or a parent is too important to leave up to politicians. Ensuring that reproductive freedom is protected by our state constitution means

politicians in Lansing won't be able to interfere with or deny our personal decisions.

What is the process for passing the amendment?

First the Michigan Board of Canvassers must approve a 100-word summary of the amendment to be placed on the ballot. Then the campaign in support of the amendment must collect a sufficient number of signatures from Michigan citizens to qualify for the ballot. Once the measure has qualified, it will be placed on the November 2022 ballot for voters to decide whether the measure should be passed. If at least 51% of voters vote YES, the amendment will be added to the state constitution.

Who is leading the campaign to pass the amendment?

The campaign to pass this amendment is organized and supported by a growing coalition of Michigan advocates, from Detroit to the Upper Peninsula and throughout the state in between. Currently, the campaign is led by Reproductive Freedom for All, ACLU of Michigan, Michigan Voices, and Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan.

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