

Health Policy Committee hearing
September 14, 2023

Legislators have a duty to make law, perform oversight, and represent constituents.

The Reproductive Health Act package of bills is a step backwards and a danger to the women of Michigan.

I am a board-certified, licensed OB Gyn physician who has done thousands of deliveries and surgeries during a 37 year long career. I have a strong interest in patient safety and quality of care, and these laws are alarming.

Patient safety requires detailed informed consent, skilled physicians, a licensed and safe facility, and attention to peer review and reporting of adverse events. This proposed legislation would remove the safety measures Michigan women have had in place during my long career.

No other industry is given the task of policing itself without oversight. The abortion industry disregards fetal life, do not let them endanger the mothers too.

Do not adopt the Reproductive Health Act bills which will remove current protections for the patients of Michigan.

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