

House Judiciary Committee or Senate Health Policy Committee

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Good morning Honorable Chair and Committee Members, During the countless hours I spent collecting petition signatures and door knocking for Proposal 3, and working in coalition with 50 non-profit organizations on Reproductive Justice, I witnessed the widespread, bi-partisan support Michiganders have for protecting abortion access. Over 2.5 million people spoke up in November to say that no one deserves to be criminalized for making private healthcare decisions regarding their own bodies. The criminalization under the existing archaic abortion ban puts pregnant individuals and healthcare providers at risk of severe penalization for seeking potentially life saving healthcare. The people most impacted by abortion bans are people who are often already adversely affected by disparities in health care including Black and Brown communities, individuals who are low-income, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and individuals living in rural areas. Michigan can and should be a safe haven for these individuals and all individuals needing access to abortion and reproductive healthcare.

House: This is a crucial moment in history and you can protect reproductive freedom by supporting HB 4006, HB 4031, and HB 4032. Thank you.