



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Governor
State of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
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Dear Ms. Granholm:

As members of the U.S. House of Representatives and residents of Michigan, we are writing to urge you to sign into law the Legal Birth Definition Act. The Act would establish the point at which infants become legally protected individuals as when any part of a fetus is outside the woman's body, and it would essentially ban partial-birth abortions in our state.

We stand firm in our belief that partial-birth abortion is not simply a private or medical decision. It is an ugly procedure performed on helpless unborn children, often when there is no health or safety risk to the mother.

A ban on partial-birth abortions recently received final approval from the U.S. House of Representatives with widespread and bipartisan support, including 12 of the 15 members from Michigan. Congress has taken action, but that does not mean that the state of Michigan can ignore its responsibility to protect the newest and most defenseless members of our society.

The Legal Definition of Birth Act is sound public policy that is broadly supported by the people of Michigan. The representatives and senators of the Michigan Legislature have expressed the will and conscience of the people of Michigan by passing this bill and sending it to you for your consideration. By signing it into law, you will send the important message that all life has an inherent sanctity and dignity that we are obligated to protect – especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

We look forward to your signature on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Peter Hebert

Carrie S. Miller

Mark Smith

James Anderson

Fred Smith

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