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LIBERAL LEGISLATURE TAKES MICHIGAN IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

Bills to Legalize Assisted Suicide Threaten the Sanctity of Life

– Bill SB 681 would allow individuals to request assisted suicide by method of prescription drugs. This violates the sanctity of life and opens the door to systematic abuse. Life should always be protected until natural death. *CTV opposes.*

Homeschooling is Threatened

– Rep. Matt Koleszar and Attorney General Dana Nessel have stated they want all home-schoolers to be forced to register with the state. If such a law was passed, it would be an invasion of privacy and a violation of parental rights as given in Michigan’s Revised School Code.

Radical Pro-Abortion Agenda Advances

– Michigan’s long-standing abortion ban (which provided legal protections for mothers killed or maimed in abortions) was repealed. *CTV opposed.*

– Employers are now forced to pay for abortion coverage if maternity coverage is offered for employees. *CTV opposed.*

– The 2023 budget removed language prohibiting public colleges from making referrals for abortions. *CTV supported efforts to add the language back.*

– The so-called “Reproductive Health Act” has passed. It removes licensing requirements, reporting, and safety standards for abortion clinics. It also repeals the ban on partial birth abortions and removes the requirement for humane disposal of fetal remains. However, two targeted policies have been preserved thanks to our efforts. We have retained 24-hour waiting periods (part of informed consent law) and the ban against Medicaid reimbursement for abortions. *CTV testified against the RHA and joined a coalition to oppose it.*

Surrogacy Bills Threaten Women’s Safety & Commodification of Life

– HB 5207-5215 were signed into law. They make compensated surrogacy legal in Michigan, opening the door to exploitation of women and children. With financial incentives in place, there’s more opportunity for human trafficking. *CTV opposed.*

LGBTQ+ Expansion Infringes on Freedom of Religion

– “Sexual orientation” and “gender identity” were **added** as protected classes under the Civil Rights Act. *CTV supported an amendment to protect religious liberty, which failed.*

Gag Order Placed on Therapists Treating LGBTQ+ Patients

– Mental health professionals are now prohibited from seeking to change anyone’s sexual orientation or gender identity. *CTV opposed.*

Education Bill Removes Accountability for Teachers

– A bill has been signed into law that weakens accountability for teachers and makes it much harder to replace bad teachers. *CTV opposed.*

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OTHER POLICIES WE'RE ACTIVELY MONITORING INCLUDE:

Zoning Bills Allow the State to Intrude on Local Communities

– Bills have been signed into law that override local zoning authority in Michigan communities, handing power over to the governor's Public Service Commission. This allows the state to intrude on any community it wants for projects that local authorities might otherwise oppose on behalf of the citizens they represent.

Pending Pro-Union Bills That Hurt Michigan Business

- There are a number of new bills that risk fragmentation of labor laws. HB 4237 would give 1,800-plus local government units permission to enact a web of regulations governing private employers' relations with their employees, creating a bureaucratic nightmare. Business groups oppose this because it's not about *whether* employers should offer a fair wage, paid or unpaid leave time, or any other employee benefit. Rather, it is about **who** should make these decisions.
- Some bills impact the ability of employers to use independent contractors and of individuals to operate as independent contractors by narrowly defining "independent contractors" and putting the burden of proof on employers.

The above bills are in progress.

Costly Energy Policies Would Hurt Michigan Citizens

- New bills would increase energy prices for Michigan consumers, putting even more pressure on our economy. SB 274 will require the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to develop a plan to decarbonize construction activities in the state 40% by 2040. They could also lead to rolling blackouts. Similar legislation has had negative effects in California, for example. *Three bills in this package have passed. The others are in progress.*
- The legislature is taking a mandate-based approach to energy policy, robbing the manufacturing sector of the ability to balance affordable prices with reliable results. This will hurt our economy, losing jobs to other states.

Unnecessary Paid Leave Law

- Michigan already has a mandatory paid leave law, but SB 332 and HB 4574 would allow 15 weeks of leave for family or medical reasons. This would increase taxes on employers, putting further pressure on our economy.

Right to Work Repeal — Forcing Union Fees on Michiganders

- "Right to Work" is repealed. Businesses can force employees to pay union fees.

Gun Control Laws Infringe on 2nd Amendment Rights

- A "risk protection order" can now be filed against anyone believed to be a danger to themselves or others. A judge can prohibit them from possessing or purchasing firearms.
- Background checks are mandatory for all gun purchases (previously required only for handguns) and there are penalties if a minor accesses one's firearm.