



# Governor Gretchen Whitmer's **RECORD ON LIFE**

Every voter should be aware of where candidates stand on critical issues, and no issue is more critical than our right to life. Where does Governor Gretchen Whitmer stand?

## **UNLIMITED ABORTION**

**Supports an unlimited** right to abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. She has promoted several initiatives—including the current 2022 abortion amendment effort in Michigan—that would:

- Allow minor teens to have abortions without their parents' consent or knowledge.
- Exempt abortion facilities from health and safety regulations that medical clinics follow.
- Allow abortion facilities to refuse to provide informed consent to women.
- Allow walk-in abortions with no waiting period.

**Voted multiple times** against partial-birth abortion bans (2004, 2008, 2011).

**Opposed an effort** to prevent women from being coerced into abortion by voting against the Prolife Omnibus Act of 2012.

**Allowed abortion facilities** to remain open under special rules during the early part of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020; other outpatient medical facilities were closed and life-saving procedures and screenings were denied. Governor Whitmer defended her action by stating that abortion is "life-sustaining."

**Voted against** Michigan's Ultrasound Viewing Option in 2006. The law requires abortion facilities to offer women a chance to view their ultrasound before an abortion.

**Voted against** requiring abortion facilities to follow the health and safety standards of other outpatient surgical facilities in Michigan through the Prolife Omnibus Act of 2012.

**Voted against** a 2002 law to stop abortion facilities from collecting payment before the 24-hour waiting period for abortions—abortion facilities used up-front payments to coerce women to follow through with their abortions.

## **THE ABORTION INDUSTRY**

## CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

**Opposed Michigan's** Abortion Insurance Opt-Out in 2013. The law prevents people from being forced to fund abortions through health insurance. During the debate on the law, opponents claimed that women experiencing miscarriages wouldn't receive treatment if the law passed—that didn't happen.

**Supports tax-funded abortions.** Governor Whitmer has been consistently endorsed by Planned Parenthood, which requires endorsees to support every effort to provide free abortions and directly fund the abortions they provide.

## OPPOSING PREGNANCY AND ADOPTION HELP

**Vetoed funding** in the 2020 state budget for the long-running Real Alternatives program that benefited the work of pregnancy help centers, and a program to create college offices to help pregnant and parenting students to find help resources.

**Vetoed \$16 million** for pregnancy help programs in the 2022 state budget, including an adoption awareness campaign.

**Vetoed \$21 million** for pregnancy help programs in the 2023 state budget, including housing assistance for pregnant women.

## FETAL TISSUE TRAFFICKING

**Co-chair of** the 2008 campaign to amend the Michigan Constitution to allow killing human embryos for research. Her campaign, Cure Michigan, promised cures for a variety of deadly and debilitating diseases, benefit the economy with more than \$100 million, and create a biotechnology revolution in the state—none of those things happened.

## PROTECTING THE ELDERLY

**Created a policy** placing patients sick with the coronavirus in nursing homes full of elderly patients—who were most at risk from dying from the coronavirus.

