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## **Planned Parenthood Celebrates 35 Years of Freedom On *Roe v. Wade* Anniversary**

*Michigan Senate's Action On Abortion Ban a Powerful Reminder That  
The Struggle for Women's Health and Safety Continues*

LANSING—The anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Roe v. Wade* is bittersweet for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan, as the organization celebrates 35 years of freedom for women and families but is disappointed by the actions of our elected officials.

Planned Parenthood opposes an abortion ban passed today by the Michigan Senate. Senate Bill 776, which passed on a 24-13 vote, creates an abortion ban that duplicates federal legislation that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2007. The federal and state legislation contain no exception to protect women's health.

"It is outrageous that our legislature is wasting its energy to pass an abortion ban for the fourth time. This bill is completely unnecessary, as it mirrors federal law that is already the law of the land," said Sarah Scranton, executive director of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan. "This bill will not prevent one abortion and contains no protection for women's health. If the legislature is truly interested in reducing the number of abortions, Planned Parenthood calls on our elected officials to work with us to expand access to reproductive health care and real sex education for women and families."

"Thirty-five years after *Roe*, the struggle to protect women's health and safety continues, and it is time to stop playing politics with public health," added Scranton. "Senate Bill 776 sends the message that the state of Michigan believes the Michigan Legislature, not doctors, know what will best protect the health of a pregnant woman."

To learn more about the historic *Roe v. Wade* ruling visit <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/news-articles-press/politics-policy-issues/courts-judiciary/roe-v-wade-6578.htm>.

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