

After the *Dobbs* ruling Michigan was the first state to pass an extreme pro-abortion amendment that granted *"a fundamental right to reproductive freedom*" that *"shall not be denied, burdened, nor infringed upon...*" Contrary to what the pro-abortion campaign spent \$46 million telling voters, this vague amendment <u>legalized abortion at</u> <u>any time in pregnancy, without any delay or even safeguards that</u> <u>ensure women are protected.</u>

Michigan's midterm election in 2022 also resulted in the election of a pro-abortion House and Senate. In the next session the new legislature removed a slew of abortion laws that <u>anyone with common sense supports</u>:

- State licensing and inspection of abortion facilities
- State's prohibition on lateterm partial-birth abortions
- Reporting of abortion procedure complications
- Humane disposal of fetal remains

But this wasn't enough for the abortion extremists who sponsored the amendment, so they sued the state of Michigan to also repeal:

- The limitations on taxpayer funding of elective abortions
- The 24 hour waiting period before an abortion
- The law that only doctors perform abortions

The abortion amendment campaign in Michigan promised voters it would *"restore Roe's protections"* and keep medical decisions

between women and their doctors. <u>But each of those campaign</u> <u>messages, parroted by the supportive media, **were lies.**</u> Their amendment enshrined abortion-on-demand far beyond what *Roe* allowed, it removed doctors from the abortion process and eliminated laws that ensure women are not forced into getting an abortion.

Lesson 1: Abortion extremists want more abortions at any time and any cost, even if it means endangering women, performing painful abortions on viable babies, and is paid for by taxpayers.

Today, Arkansas is one of the most pro-life states in the nation in both the views of Arkansans and the laws that protect life. But <u>what</u> <u>if</u> abortion extremists spent \$46 million on lies trying to change that? The other harrowing lesson from Michigan is that a state is never more than one election away from losing pro-life leadership and the laws that protect the most vulnerable among us.

Extremists conned voters in Michigan and swept away any law that even inconveniences abortion – that's exactly what they would do if they had their way here in Arkansas.

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