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Michigan

House Judiciary Committee
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House Bills 4006, 4031, 4032 - Support

The ACLU of Michigan supports House Bills 4006, 4031 and 4032, which will repeal Michigan's over 90-year-old, unconstitutional law criminalizing abortion.

The 1931 abortion ban, which was invalidated by *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 and ruled unconstitutional under the Michigan Constitution last year by a judge on the Michigan Court of Claims has remained on our books. It is one of the most extreme abortion bans in the country because it criminalizes virtually all abortion care, except for the narrow exception to save a pregnant person's life.

There is now no question that this extreme and archaic law is in direct conflict with the Michigan Constitution thanks to voters who passed Proposal 3 in November 2022, which established reproductive freedom, including abortion, as a fundamental right.

Abortion is healthcare and Michiganders deserve to make reproductive health decisions for themselves. Anyone who has had to make the decision about whether or not to have an abortion, no matter the reason, knows to their core that it is deeply personal and should be reserved for them in consultation with their doctor and their loved ones. As we now know all too well, there is a danger in allowing unconstitutional laws such as these to remain on our books. Now is the time to ensure that these dangerous laws never again threaten the health or lives of Michiganders.

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