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Senators,

Today I have signed Enrolled Senate Bill 845, which makes appropriations to support public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and public universities for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

This bipartisan legislation makes historic investments in Michigan's children without raising taxes. We worked together to do what is expected and demanded of us and we now have a budget that will serve Michigan well.

Pursuant to article 5, section 19 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, I am using my veto pen to reject line items that harm women's health care. These line items would create a gag rule preventing reproductive health-service providers from even mentioning abortion and otherwise make it harder for women to get the health care they need. Any efforts to undermine a woman's ability to make her own medical decisions with her trusted health-care provider will earn my disapproval. Women and doctors should be making health-care decisions—not politicians.

The items vetoed are detailed in the attached copy of the bill that has been filed with the Secretary of State.

Please note that Article 8, sections 5 and 6 of the Michigan Constitution grant each board of an institution of higher education in this state "general supervision of its institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds." Any provision that deprives an institution of higher education with the supervisory control and budgetary independence provided by those sections is therefore unconstitutional.

I also note that provisions in Senate Bill 845 that express intent, advice, or preferences of the Legislature do not impose conditions upon appropriations and are non-binding.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gretchen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

cc: Michigan House of Representatives  
The Honorable Jocelyn Benson