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CEO  
Insurance Company  
Company Address

Dear CEO:

As you know, the United States Supreme Court has issued a ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overturning the landmark *Roe v. Wade* case. With this decision, Michigan's antiquated 1931 law banning abortion without exceptions for rape or incest, and criminalizing doctors and nurses who provide reproductive care, is poised to take effect. That is why I proactively filed a lawsuit in April asking the Michigan Supreme Court to recognize a constitutional right to abortion under the Michigan Constitution and to invalidate the 1931 Michigan abortion ban.

On the same day the Supreme Court issued the *Dobbs* opinion, I filed a motion urging the Michigan Supreme Court to immediately resolve whether Michigan's state constitution protects the right to abortion.

I will continue to fight for every Michigander's right to make decisions about their own body with the advice of a medical professional they trust. In that spirit, I write today to urge you to take steps that ensure Michigan women have coverage for reproductive health care to the fullest extent possible under the policies you issue. Steps you can take now may include ensuring that women have access to a robust network of providers, for both in-person and telehealth care; lowering cost-sharing requirements and eliminating or reducing other barriers to care received outside Michigan; intensifying your efforts to contract with health care providers who can provide Michigan women with safe abortions performed in states where abortion remains legal even if the 1931 law were to come into effect; and providing coverage for travel expenses related to out-of-state care.

As I have throughout my administration, and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, I value your partnership in ensuring access to health care for all Michiganders. I urge you to join me at this pivotal moment in our state's history to stand up for Michigan women by doing your part to ensure access to crucial reproductive health benefits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor of Michigan