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Michigan Senate
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today am returning House Bills 5750 and 5751 to you without signature. The bills amend the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law allow a parent to voluntarily deliver a newborn to a newborn safety device provided by an emergency service provider.

Michigan's safe haven law has been an important and valuable policy to ensure unwanted newborn babies are not abandoned or harmed by allowing parents to surrender a child to emergency service providers. However, I do not believe it is appropriate to allow for parents to surrender a baby by simply depositing the baby into a device, rather than physically handing the baby to a uniformed police, fire, or hospital employee.

With that in mind, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 5750 and 5751.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Snyder", written over a horizontal line.

Rick Snyder
Governor