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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 593 in its entirety.

This bill would prohibit abortion in certain circumstances based on the perceived reason the patient has obtained the abortion and allows claims for damages to be brought by certain people if a prohibited abortion is performed.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to politicians interfering between patients and their healthcare providers. Wisconsinites have the right to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions. Licensed healthcare professionals should be trusted to give appropriate, evidence-based medical advice. SB 593 would substantially erode and interfere with the patient and provider relationship by encouraging healthcare professionals to evaluate and even question the bases of patients' decisions. Further, it discourages honest, meaningful conversations between a patient and their physician while inviting intimidation of healthcare professionals by creating a path to legal damages for multiple parties.

I trust women to make the best reproductive healthcare decisions for themselves and their families. These are deeply personal determinations that should be made between a patient and their physician and nobody else.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony Evers'.

Tony Evers  
Governor