December 3, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 16 in its entirety.

This bill relates to healthcare provider standards of care following an abortion and provides a criminal penalty.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to legislation designed to interfere between patients and their physicians. This bill only serves to create political interference with the personal healthcare decisions made by parents, in consultation with their healthcare providers, while faced with difficult reproductive healthcare decisions late in pregnancy due to medical emergencies and life-threatening circumstances. Moreover, existing state law already provides the protections this bill seeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Evers Governor