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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 674 in its entirety.

This bill would prohibit health insurance policies and plans, including self-insured plans and the Medicaid program, from knowingly covering a human organ transplant or posttransplant care if the transplant operation is performed in, or the human organ to be transplanted was procured by sale or donation originating in certain countries. “Forced organ harvesting” is defined by the bill as “the removal of one or more organs from a living person, by means of coercion, abduction, deception, fraud, or abuse of power over a position of vulnerability, or from a person killed for the purpose of removal of one or more organs.” The bill would not prohibit any posttransplant service or care provided to save the life of an individual after the individual receives a human organ transplant that would be prohibited under the bill.

I agree that forced organ harvesting is a horrific practice that must end around the world; however, unfortunately, this bill will not achieve that important goal. I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because this bill will nevertheless not solve the problem of forced organ harvesting. Forced organ harvesting is part of the illicit organ trade which has arisen due to need far exceeding available organ supply. Solving it will require a multi-faceted approach with international cooperation, which no singular state can force or facilitate on its own. This bill, while well-intentioned, imposes requirements that do not meaningfully contribute to solving the problem.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tony Evers'.

Tony Evers  
Governor