



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ®
OF INDIANA**

Dear Senator Miller,

I am writing to express the League of Women Voters of Indiana's opposition to SB 313.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) is 95 years old and is one of the nation's oldest nonpartisan organizations. Although primarily known for its voter education and service work, the LWV is an advocacy organization with a strong stance on access to basic health care, including reproductive health care, and on privacy rights as guaranteed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Hoosiers should have access to prenatal and reproductive healthcare without fear of intimidation, misinformation, or being shamed. SB 313 does not protect women's health, but rather makes an already difficult situation worse by inserting politics into private medical decision-making.

SB 313 (abortion ban due to disability/sex) creates an intimidating environment where doctors are urged to read their patient's minds and patients are potentially afraid to have open and honest conversations with their physicians. Should a disability be detected during a pregnancy, it is not the government's right to require a woman to carry that pregnancy to term and/or to tell a doctor how to handle the situation. Since no evidence suggests sex-selected abortions are a problem in the United States, this bill is also an unneeded use of time and resources.

If abortion is to be tackled in the General Assembly, let it be through legislation to prevent unplanned pregnancies by funding reproductive education to the youth of Indiana and by supporting medical facilities which provide needed and safe reproductive health care services to men and women.

Thank you.

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CC: Senators Mishler, Becker, Brown, Charbonneau, Crider, Grooms, Niemeyer, Breaux, Mrvan, and Stoops