



January 30, 2023

The Honorable Tim Walz  
Minnesota State Governor  
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Governor Tim Walz,

We are writing you today, urging you to veto the PRO Act on the basis of previous promises you have made to Minnesotans.

While running for re-election, [you assured Minnesotans](#) that you did not believe abortion should be permitted up-to-the-moment-of-birth, and instead supported “maintaining the timelines outlined by current law.” Under current law, abortion is illegal in Minnesota after viability. If the health or life of the mother was in danger, late-term abortions must be performed in a hospital. The PRO Act allows abortion services far beyond these commonsense, consensus guidelines.

As the PRO Act was being rushed through the legislature, Republicans offered reasonable amendments with guardrails to protect women and children, much of which would have aligned with your previously stated position. These amendments included prohibiting third trimester abortions with exceptions for the life of the mother, a ban on gruesome partial birth abortions, and a requirement that all abortion facilities be licensed to ensure women are provided the safest environment possible. Sadly, each of these amendments were struck down by a Democrat majority.

Without these reasonable protections, the PRO Act goes well beyond current law and is in direct contradiction with your previously stated position that you made clear as you appealed to Minnesotans for a second term. Signing the PRO Act into law would be breaking your word to Minnesota voters. We urge you to veto this extreme law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Johnson".

Senate Minority Leader Mark Johnson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. Demuth".

House Minority Leader Lisa Demuth

