

## Tom Barrett (MI-07) Red Box Backup - Abortion

### Tom Barrett's Extreme "No Exceptions" Stance Against Abortion

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**Barrett Sent Fundraising Flyers Calling Himself "100% PRO-LIFE — NO EXCEPTIONS."** "State Sen. Tom Barrett, R-Charlotte, who is in a tough race to try to knock off U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly, in a toss-up district that includes Lansing, has been sending out fundraising flyers calling himself '100% PRO-LIFE — NO EXCEPTIONS.'" [Detroit Free Press, [5/4/22](#)]

### Tom Barrett Supports The Overturning Of Roe And Will Push For A National Ban On A Woman's Right To Have An Abortion, Even In Cases Of Rape And Incest

**Barrett Believed Roe V. Wade Was Decided Incorrectly.** "Barrett said it's long been his position that Roe was decided incorrectly. If it's struck down, he favors returning the issue to the states over federal legislation to restrict abortion, though he'd review such a bill, he said. 'I've had a long legislative record of being a pro-life candidate, a pro-life legislator — elected and reelected on that position,' said Barrett, noting his legislation that passed the state Senate in 2019. 'I've been what I consider to be a leader on this issue, and I'm not going to shy away from it because I know I'm right. And I take it very seriously.'" [Detroit News, [5/25/22](#)]

**Barrett Said He Would Review Federal Legislation To Restrict Abortion.** "Barrett said it's long been his position that Roe was decided incorrectly. If it's struck down, he favors returning the issue to the states over federal legislation to restrict abortion, though he'd review such a bill, he said." [Detroit News, [5/25/22](#)]

**Barrett Did Not Support Exceptions For Abortion In Cases Of Rape Or Incest.** "Barrett confirmed he doesn't favor exceptions in cases of rape or incest but said in an interview that preserving the life of the mother is important: 'I consider pro-life to be pro-life for the mother, as well.' 'Rape is a terrible, terrible offense. No one is defending that,' Barrett said. 'This is simply a fundamental recognition that human life is worth protecting, especially the most vulnerable.'" [Detroit News, [5/25/22](#)]

### Barrett Supports The 1931 Michigan Law That Would Criminalize Abortions. Subjecting Women, Nurses And Doctors To Prosecution With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest

**2021: Barrett Co-Sponsored A Resolution Complaining That "The United States Supreme Court Case Roe V. Wade Limits The Enforcement Of Michigan's Abortion Prohibition."** In 2021, Barrett co-sponsored Senate Resolution 0008, which stated that "Whereas, Abortions reject the core moral principles of our nation by destroying innocent living and developing human beings who are no different than every born citizen of this state. Science and medicine have definitively established that each individual human life begins when fertilization occurs, which is a factual determination and not a matter of opinion or religious belief; and Whereas, The state of Michigan has a long and unbroken history of protecting unborn children. Michigan has continuously had a law prohibiting abortions in effect since 1846, as currently found in section 14 of the Michigan Penal Code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.14. While the United States Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade limits the enforcement of Michigan's abortion prohibition, it continues to be the policy of the state of Michigan to proscribe abortions; and Whereas, The people of Michigan have expressed their objection to abortions when presented with opportunities to change it. [...] Whereas, Abortion

represents a failure of society to support and empower women to embrace their unborn children.” [Michigan State Legislature, SR 0008, adopted [1/28/21](#)]

**Barrett’s Resolution Called For Enforcement Of “All Laws Regulating Or Limiting The Practice Of Abortion Until Such Time That Complete Legal Protection Is Restored To Unborn Children In Michigan,” Including An 1846 State Law Reaffirmed In 1931.** “Whereas, The state of Michigan has a long and unbroken history of protecting unborn children. Michigan has continuously had a law prohibiting abortions in effect since 1846, as currently found in section 14 of the Michigan Penal Code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.14. While the United States Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade limits the enforcement of Michigan’s abortion prohibition, it continues to be the policy of the state of Michigan to proscribe abortions; and Whereas, The people of Michigan have expressed their objection to abortions when presented with opportunities to change it. [...] Resolved by the Senate, That we affirm the right to life of every unborn child in this state and our support for the legal protection for each unborn child codified in section 14 of the Michigan Penal Code; and be it further Resolved, That we exhort the Attorney General, all law enforcement officials, and state regulatory personnel to enforce all laws regulating or limiting the practice of abortion until such time that complete legal protection is restored to unborn children in Michigan.” [Michigan State Legislature, SR 0008, adopted [1/28/21](#)]

**Michigan’s Current Abortion Law, Passed In 1931, Is Based on It’s 1846 Predecessor, Both Of Which Are Referenced In Barrett’s Resolution.** “Michigan’s law, passed in 1931 and reminiscent of its 1846 predecessor, makes providing an abortion a felony except in cases where ending a pregnancy is deemed necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman.” [New York Times, [6/29/22](#)]

**Under Michigan’s 1931 Abortion Ban, Doctors Who Assist In Abortions And Pregnant People Who Used Medication For Self-Abortions Could Face Felony Charges And Up To Four Years In Prison.** “A law passed in Michigan in 1931 that bans abortions has been unenforceable since 1973 when the Supreme Court ruled on Roe v. Wade. [...] Under this law, almost all abortions would be considered a felony with a possible penalty of up to four years in prison. Both doctors who assist in abortions and pregnant people who use medication for self-abortions could be charged.” [Michigan Radio, [6/24/22](#)]

**Michigan’s 1931 Abortion Ban Did Not Grant Exceptions In Cases Of Rape Or Incest.** “A law passed in Michigan in 1931 that bans abortions has been unenforceable since 1973 when the Supreme Court ruled on Roe v. Wade. [...] The law — one of the strictest in the country — does not grant exceptions in cases of rape or incest. It does grant exceptions to ‘preserve the life’ of the mother, however, experts aren’t sure exactly what that means.” [Michigan Radio, [6/24/22](#)]

**Barrett Said If Roe V. Wade Is Struck Down, He Favored Returning The Issue To The States And Would Consider Federal Legislation To Restrict Abortion.** “Barrett said it’s long been his position that Roe was decided incorrectly. If it’s struck down, he favors returning the issue to the states over federal legislation to restrict abortion, though he’d review such a bill, he said. ‘I’ve had a long legislative record of being a pro-life candidate, a pro-life legislator — elected and reelected on that position,’ said Barrett, noting his legislation that passed the state Senate in 2019. ‘I’ve been what I consider to be a leader on this issue, and I’m not going to shy away from it because I know I’m right. And I take it very seriously.’” [Detroit News, [5/25/22](#)]

**Michigan Republican Legislative Leaders Wanted To Enforce The State’s 1931 Abortion Ban.** “In Michigan, the right to an abortion is teetering. Republicans who control the state legislature want to enforce a 1931 abortion ban that’s still on the books. Democrats, including Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, have vowed not to let that happen.” [NPR, [6/27/22](#)]

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**Barrett On Abortion: “I Know I’m Right.”** “Barrett said it’s long been his position that Roe was decided incorrectly. If it’s struck down, he favors returning the issue to the states over federal legislation to restrict abortion, though he’d review such a bill, he said. ‘I’ve had a long legislative record of being a pro-life candidate, a pro-life legislator — elected and reelected on that position,’ said Barrett, noting his legislation that passed the state Senate

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