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Representatives,

Today, I am returning Enrolled House Bills 5558 and 5559 to you without my approval. These bills are intended to politicize scientific, lifesaving research on conditions such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, ALS, leukemia, and more. These bills are not rooted in evidence-based policymaking. Instead, they aim to create confusion, spur litigation, and sow fear. I will not sign them.

I urge you to discontinue the politicization of health care, end your support for a near-total abortion ban in Michigan, and work together to support women and doctors instead of introducing legislation that endangers people, including your recent bill to put nurses and doctors in jail for providing abortion care.

I look forward to working with you on more productive legislation in the future.

Respectfully,

Gretchen Whitmer Governor