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RE: HB4788 - HB4479 Assault & Battery of Pregnant Women.

There is no more honorable undertaken of a legislative body, and the Governor, than the health and protection of Michigan's pregnant women and their unborn babies.

As there are laws protecting spouses, former spouses, individuals involved in dating relationships, individuals with a child in common, or a resident or former resident of a household, from assault & battery, I am assuming HB's 4788 ~~4789~~ 4479 are specifically being introduced to protect ...the unborn baby.

If that be the case, there needs to be an amendment, and/or possibly additional legislation, to protect the health and well being of the unborn child from ...his/HER mother.

Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (PAE) is the number one cause of cognitive disabilities in children in North America. We must protect them from this exposure.

There are warning labels on alcohol containers warning women not to drink when pregnant.

If these bills pass, what would happen in the event a *loving and devout* spouse, former spouse, individual involved in a dating relationship, individual with a child in common, or a resident or former resident of a household, in an effort to protect his unborn child, or the unborn child of another, and keep a pregnant woman from ingesting alcohol in an effort to protect the vulnerable unborn infant in her womb, commits an act that may be construed to be assault & battery, but really, is an act of coming to the aid of a defenseless child?

Would we prosecute, and convict, an individual who comes to the aid of an unborn child?

Would we 'not prosecute' the mother who would *knowingly* damage her unborn child?

Does she have that right?

Please, amend these bills, or introduce another, to protect these unborn children.

Do something.

Pressing on, with unwavering faith,

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