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The Attorney General of Michigan, along with other prosecutors in the state, in response to the *Dobbs* decision, have indicated they simply will not enforce MCL 750.14. I cannot join with them in this position.

I do not believe it proper for me to simply ignore a law, any law, that was passed by the Michigan Legislature and signed by the Governor. In our system of government, the legislature passes a law, and the executive branch, including prosecutors, enforces those laws. I have always held it would be improper for me to pick and choose the laws I wish to enforce that have been validly passed and signed. I will not start now. To dispel any confusion about the law, MCL 750.14, does not allow for charges to be filed against the woman seeking or getting an abortion. It only allows for charges to be filed against a doctor performing an abortion. The Michigan Supreme Court with the decision *In re Vickers*, 371 Mich 114, 123 NW2nd 253 (1963) made this point clear.

That was not the last decision by a Michigan court on this statue, and there will be more decisions by Michigan courts in the coming weeks. There are two filings now, at different stages in the system, that seek to challenge the enforcement of this statute. I await decisions in those cases to guide my actions. In addition, as *Dobbs* allows for, I would think there will be further legislative/voter action regarding abortion in Michigan. I will abide by whatever laws are passed by the legislature or by voter initiative down the road. That is the proper role of a prosecutor. At this time, however, there is a validly passed statute which has been upheld by the Court of Appeals in the past and I will not turn a blind eye and ignore it. To do so in my opinion would be improper.

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