December 3, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 592 in its entirety.

Senate Bill 592 mandates that physicians who administer a prenatal or postnatal test for a congenital condition and receive a positive test result disseminate certain information related to the congenital condition to their patients, instead of allowing physicians to use evidence-based practices and their knowledge and expertise as medical professionals to advise parents.

I am vetoing Senate Bill 592 in its entirety because I object to legislation that dictates the conversations between a patient and their healthcare professionals. Physicians take an oath to provide patients with medically accurate information so patients can make informed decisions about their health and healthcare. I trust our doctors to use existing resources in a manner that meets ethical treatment standards, and to have honest, open, and confidential conversations with their patients without politicians interfering with the terms of those conversations.

Respectfully submitted,

Governor