December 3, 2021

The Honorable, 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,

TONY EVERS
Governor