

the **EMPOWERMENT** project

Updates from the Office of Attorney General Lynn Fitch

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A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

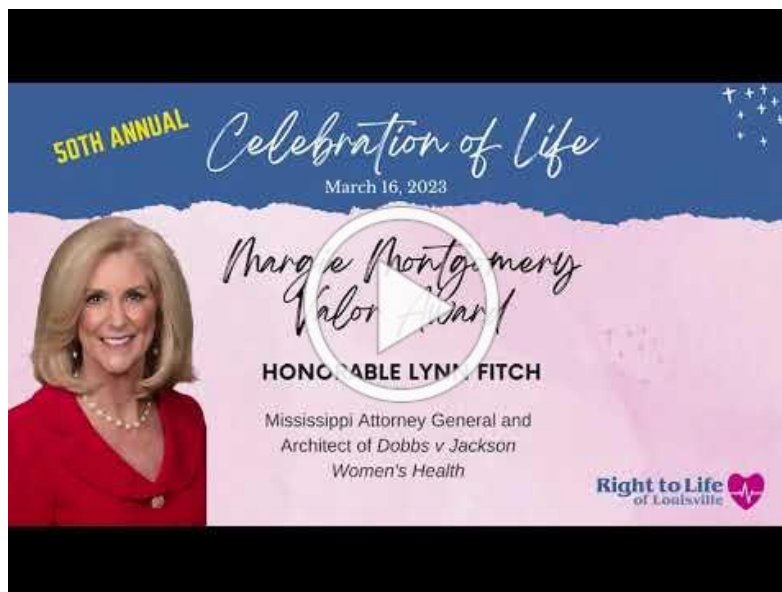
As the legislative session nears its completion, Mississippi is taking major steps to empower women and their families. I am proud to announce that the State Legislature has already adopted several agenda items from **The Empowerment Project**, including bills that create the Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance (MAMA) program, expand tax credits incentivizing employers to provide childcare options for their employees, enhance child support enforcement, and extend pregnancy-related Medicaid coverage for a full year postpartum.

But we are not done yet. Legislation that would support foster care families and that would update safe haven laws is still being considered. We only have a few days left in this session, but I am hopeful we will continue to move the needle forward and show the nation what it means to promote life, empower women, and build strong families.

May God Bless You,



WHAT WE'RE WATCHING



This month, General Fitch accepted Louisville Right to Life's Margie Montgomery Valor Award on behalf of the countless people across the country who prayed, marched, and fought for decades to overturn *Roe v Wade*.

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It's Time to Take **Action:**

Pass the Foster Parents'
Bill of Rights and
Responsibilities

#TheEmpowermentProject



When we cannot connect children in need of love and attention with families ready to open their hearts and homes to them, the system is broken. This needs to be a priority for all of us. Let's get this bill across the finish line! Show your support for this law by sharing [this tweet](#) on your social media channels.



ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

CBN: The Woman Behind the Roe v Wade Reversal Points to Just One Thing: 'People Were Praying'

Fitch and her office spearheaded *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization* – the case responsible for overturning the 1973 *Roe v Wade* ruling that legalized abortion nationwide....

...The AG's priority for the fight for life is expanding as she's now working toward solutions that can empower women in a state suffering at the top of too many categories: infant mortality, premature births, and poverty.

"It's certainly tough, I completely understand," said Fitch. "Our role is, we are here to help them. That is what our challenge is. How do we empower these women who are struggling, what can we do as a state?"

Independent Women's Forum's Champion Women: AG Lynn Fitch

Fitch is most famous nationally as “the woman who helped take down *Roe v. Wade*,” as a Newsweek headline put it. She is primarily responsible for getting *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, which led to the Court’s reversal of the Court’s 1973 abortion rights ruling, to the high court. IWF does not take a position on the issue of abortion, but Fitch’s projects to empower women for what might be called a “post-Dobbs world” are another matter.

Under the umbrella of The Empowerment Project, Fitch aims to help women and families by providing opportunities and resources for women to upskill, grow, and educate.

“We looked at the different ways that we could help women through our different legislative agendas,” Fitch says. “For the initial stage, we are focused on five pillars: making quality childcare affordable and accessible, promoting workplace flexibility, streamlining and improving the foster care and adoption systems, enhancing child support enforcement, and supporting pregnant women and new mothers.”

WTVA: Lynn Fitch Stands Firmly Behind Child Support Bill

Mississippi AG Lynn Fitch stands firmly behind a bill in the Legislature that gets tough on those who fail to pay their child support. SB 2634 adds fines and possible jail time for those who neglect or refuse to pay court ordered child support up to the child turning 21 years old.

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