



# The Empowerment Project

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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## A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to sit down with Rachel Duffy from *Fox and Friends Weekend* and Tracy Sabol from *EWTN* right before the 2025 March for Life to share what our Empowerment Project is all about and discuss the five pillars this policy initiative stands on:

- Make quality childcare more affordable and accessible.
- Promote workplace flexibilities.
- Improve child support enforcement.
- Fix broken foster care and adoption systems.
- Give young mothers resources, upskilling, and support so they and their families can thrive together.

Through initiatives like The Empowerment Project, we are working to support families of all stages. Nearly three years after the Mississippi *Dobbs* case, we are still feeling the impacts of these efforts. Just last month, Mississippi had our first successful surrender of an infant at the Safe Haven Baby Box at Covington County Hospital. I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made so far, and I am excited for the work ahead as we continue to make strides. Together, we are building a stronger future for families everywhere.

If you missed my conversation with *Fox and Friends Weekend* or *EWTN*, catch up here:



May God Bless You,

*Lynne Fitch*

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## WHAT WE'RE READING



### **WAPT: Baby anonymously surrendered at Mississippi hospital baby box**

A baby who was surrendered to a hospital baby box in Mississippi is waiting to be adopted. The baby was surrendered in late December to the Safe Haven Baby Box at Covington County Hospital.

Monica Kelsey, the founder of Safe Haven Baby Box, said on social media that the baby is safe and healthy and potential adoptive parents are being interviewed. The baby is Mississippi's first completely anonymous safe surrender.

### **Catholic News Agency: As thousands join March for Life, pro-life advocates share their 'why'**

Most notable among the politicians who addressed the crowds were Trump, who appeared via a prerecorded video message, and Vice President JD Vance.

“Let me say very simply: I want more babies in the United States of America,” Vance said to loud cheers. “I want more happy children in our country. And I want beautiful young men and women who are eager to welcome them into the world and eager to raise them. And it is the task of our government to make it easier for young moms and dads to afford to have kids, to bring them into the world, and to welcome them as the blessings that we know they are here at the March for Life.”

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## SHARE ON SOCIAL



Mississippi is one of only 12 states without paid parental leave for state employees. This week, our bill cleared its first two hurdles and is now headed to the House floor! Click the photo above to share this good news.



## ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

### [WLBT: Attorney General Releases 2025 Legislative Agenda](#)

**Attorney General Fitch said**, “It is certainly time to have paid maternity leave in the State of Mississippi for our State employees. We are only one of twelve states that does not have that. We certainly need that in Mississippi. It is so important to say to our women, 'we would like for you to be here'. That helps us with our retention and our recruitment for women in State government.”

### [Super Talk MS: AG Lynn Fitch: Protecting Mississippi’s Values and Vision](#)

“Big tech does not mind pushing all of those issues onto our children and we've got to protect them,” **said Attorney General Fitch**. “Our Legislature did an amazing job last year passing the Walker Montgomery Online Privacy Act to protect our children from these predators.”

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