



# The Empowerment Project

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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## A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

Since launching The Empowerment Project, the Mississippi Legislature has passed a dozen of the Project's priorities. From Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance (MAMA) to streamlining the pathway from foster care to forever homes, they have been an incredible partner as we work to support Mississippi families.

I am so thankful that this year, we were able to get paid parental leave for state employees across the finish line and signed into law. We need mothers to be an active and vibrant part of Mississippi's workforce, and paid parental leave is a proven recruitment and retention policy.

It is crucial that we support Mississippi's women and signal to them that they are an important, valued part of our workforce. This historic legislation is a game changer for our state! I am incredibly proud of the progress we are making, and I am excited for the work ahead as we continue to make positive strides. Together, we are building a stronger future for families everywhere.

May God Bless You,

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## WHAT WE'RE READING



### **News Channel 9: Chattanooga sees first infant safely surrendered at Fire Station 6's Safe Haven Baby Box**

The Chattanooga Fire Department says they had the first surrender of an infant at their Safe Haven Baby Box at Fire Station 6.

The life-saving device lets parents in crisis safely and anonymously surrender their newborns without fear of prosecution, as permitted under Tennessee's Safe Haven Law.

CFD says the baby is alive and healthy.

### **Clarion Ledger: Mississippi Legislature passes paid parental leave for state employees**

"As a pro-life state, Mississippi is in a critical position to meet the needs for healthier outcomes for parents and children and to support families in our state's workplace," White said in a press release issued in January.

**Attorney General Lynn Fitch**, a Republican, also endorsed paid parental leave and had been pushing for it since speaking at a summer hearing was held in the legislature to discuss women and family issues in Mississippi.

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Click the photo above to read more about the important work we are doing in Mississippi to empower our women and their families. Thank you to Moms for America for highlighting my office during Women's History Month!



## ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

## **Supertalk- Attorney general urges Mississippians to check eligibility for \$39.1 million drug settlement**

“Many Americans rely on generic drugs to afford important and even life-saving care. Our investigation found that consumers were being deceived and paying artificially high prices,” **Fitch said**. “My office is committed to holding these companies accountable and taking action to lower drug costs. We encourage any Mississippian who thinks they may be eligible to register today.”

## **WAPT- Mississippi man sentenced to 40 years for child exploitation**

A Mississippi man convicted of child exploitation is headed to prison. **Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch** announced the sentencing, which resulted from Operation Press Your Luck.

## **Supertalk-Mississippians being warned of scammers posing as government agencies**

“Small businesses have enough to do trying to keep their products on the shelves, their employees paid, and their customers happy,” **Attorney General Lynn Fitch** said. “Sometimes there just is not enough time to pay close attention to the emails and mail they get so they end up falling for a government imposter letter,” **she continued**. “Some of these letters are slick, but not malicious, and the business may end up paying for something they could get for free from a government agency. But some are actual scam artists who can expose the business to a loss of valuable private information.”

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