

## Michigan SB 351 Advocacy Sample Script

Hi Representative Name,

My name is **[First Name]** and I live in **[City, Michigan]**. I am reaching out to ask you to support SB 351, which expands upon the current Breastfeeding Anti-Discrimination Act (passed in 2014), which protects a birthing person's right to breastfeed in public to now include protection for human milk expression (i.e., pumping in public). I am a breastfeeding supporter in our community and know just how important this legislation will be for the families I serve.

There are a variety of reasons why this legislation is important, including:

- This bill is essential to protect folks who may need to be outside of their homes for long periods of time without access to their child, such as students, as well as folks who exclusively pump/express milk for many reasons.
- Human milk saves lives. It is the foundation of health, the first food, and plays a pivotal role in disease prevention for both the parent and child.
- Increasing access to human milk is crucial especially in light of current and recent emergencies, from water crises to formula shortages to communicable diseases.
- It is imperative to public health that we do everything in our power to reduce roadblocks that birthing folks face when trying to get human milk to their babies.
- The priority, above all, is increasing access to human milk!

I urge you to support our human milk feeding families and pass this legislation. Thank you so much.

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