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***Statement from Melissa Frugé, Democratic Candidate for 105th House District,
on Rep. Triston Cole's Inappropriate Facebook Response to Constituent***

BOYNE CITY, MI — Today, a photo of an interaction on social media between a voter of the 105th House District and her state representative, Triston Cole (R-Mancelona), was published on Twitter. In the photo, the voter asks Rep. Cole to support affordable healthcare and reproductive freedom, and Rep. Cole responds with the text, “This has nothing to do with your body. It’s someone else’s,” as well as a diagram illustrating his point and claiming that “abortion is murder” (see picture below). In response, Melissa Frugé, Democratic candidate for the 105th House District, issued the following statement:

"Representative Cole's response to a constituent in our district is completely inappropriate and disrespectful. As a mom, a woman, and an American, I am appalled that he would so blatantly disregard his responsibility as a representative as well as a woman's Constitutional right to privacy. I call on him to apologize to this constituent and mother who was merely exercising her democratic rights and advocating for her family."



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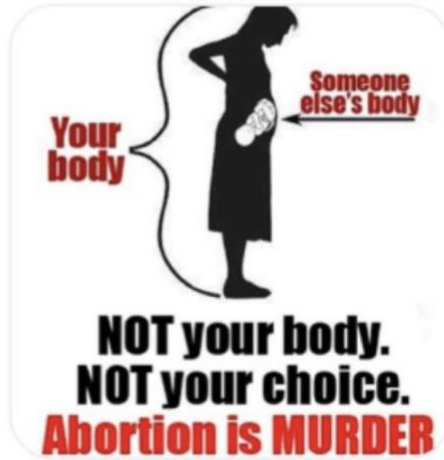
Representative Cole,
I'm expecting my third child in the spring. I must inform you that there is more to life than a child's birth. Please don't take away affordable health care. Please fund public schools. Please protect our environment so my children can have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. Finally, as a woman, I must inform you that most of us do not want the government to interfere with medical decisions about our reproductive organs. Please protect our right to make such intimate decisions together with our doctors and confidants.

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