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Overturing Governor's Veto One Step Closer with Imminent Pro-Life Special Session

The Family Policy Council of West Virginia, on behalf of the allied community of pro-life citizens, is thrilled to announce that we are very near the minimum threshold needed on the historic petition put forth by West Virginians for life.

The West Virginia Senate has crossed the minimum threshold required and only a couple more delegate signatures are needed for the West Virginia House of Delegates to meet the minimum requirement to demand the special session.

Family Policy Council President Allen Whitt said, "By the end of the upcoming holiday weekend or shortly after, we expect to reach the minimum number of 82 signatures required." A public press conference will be called at that time by John Carey, legislative coordinator for West Virginians for Life to announce those legislators who have voted for life by their decisive action on this petition.

This rare legislative petition will compel Governor Tomblin to call a special session of both houses. The petition's purpose is to have a special session to address Governor Tomblin's veto of House Bill 4588 known as the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

Since this is not a formal legislative vote, once the minimum threshold of 22 senators and 60 delegates is reached there will be no need to solicit further signatures. Therefore we don't anticipate an opportunity for additional signers after the minimum petition requirements are met and those pro-life legislators are announced.

Once in session the legislative body will either overturn the veto of HB4588 and or pass the same bill with a new number. Only a simple majority of each house is required to override the governor's veto and the bill initially passed by nearly 85%.

About The Family Policy Council of West Virginia

The Family Policy Council of West Virginia is The Mountain State's leading conservative policy group championing social issues. The group positively influences state laws, state lawmakers and state elections to defend the constitutional right of religious freedom for the state's families and churches.

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