

public affairs addendum

State House Delays Vote on Rape Victim Bill

It's ludicrous, but true: 108 Pennsylvania State Representatives passed a motion to postpone a vote on giving rape victims birth control. On October 3rd, eleven local legislators, from Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware Counties, voted to postpone the debate on a bill that would ensure rape victims get standardized care all across the state. Local Reps. Bishop, Josephs, Leach, Parker and Shapiro spoke out eloquently on the floor against delaying a vote for rape victims in Pennsylvania.

The vote on House Bill 288 has now been postponed for two more weeks...mainly due to the fact that we had the votes to WIN and therefore wanted to avoid this bill at all costs! One reason given was the need to "discuss more"; however, this legislation has been discussed for over four years. There have been countless letters and news stories, two state house public hearings, and several near compromises.

This delay gives us more time to educate our legislators and the public that this bill is critical for the women of PA and should not be ignored. But, the opposition will be stepping up their efforts and we must stay strong and vocal! Please join PPSP's efforts to pass this bill. Please sign up to phone bank or write a letter-to-the-editor. For more information, please contact the Public Affairs Department at 215.351.5510 or publicaffairs@ppsp.org.

We NEED Your Help - sign up now to phone bank!

The Public Affairs Department will be holding phone banks from October 8th - 18th. They will be held Monday through Thursday, from 5:30-8:00pm, at 1144 Locust Street in Philadelphia.

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