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Sen. John Loudon: Pro-Lifers Finally Have Their Day

Pro-life legislation successfully passes Legislature in special session

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, today thanked his Senate and House colleagues for passing a Senate Bill 1, a pro-life measure he wrote five years ago. The bill will be forwarded for final approval to Gov. Blunt, who called the special session with the specific directive of passing pro-life legislation

“I am very pleased that the General Assembly has recognized the positive effect this legislation will have on Missouri families,” Loudon said. “This has been a long time coming. Pro-lifers have worked a long time to see this day, only to be roadblocked by the pro-abortion forces who have promised to sue. The governor, a solid bipartisan, pro-life Senate majority and I were determined that pro-lifers would succeed.”

SB 1 allows families to sue individuals who help transport minors into other states to receive abortions. The legislation reinforces Missouri’s parental consent law, which requires individuals under age 18 who are seeking abortions to show their doctors written permission from a parent or legal guardian before undergoing the procedure.

SB 1 also regulates abortion providers. The measure requires physicians at abortion clinics to have privileges to provide obstetric and gynecological care at hospitals within 30 miles of the clinic. This will ensure that individuals receiving abortions have the best possible care available to them.

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“This legislation protects Missouri’s young people by involving parents and allowing all possible solutions to be investigated before this procedure is considered,” Loudon said. “SB 1 also provides for the safety of Missouri youths by guaranteeing that our state’s best emergency personnel will be on hand should any complications occur if families choose to undergo the procedure.”

SB 1 provides further support for the intent of Missouri abortion law by ensuring our young people receive proper advice from “next friends,” those who can provide consent for a minor looking to undergo an abortion. The legislation prohibits other minors, employees of the minor and individuals with a financial interest in the operation from providing consent for the abortion procedure.

“This bill provides important safeguards to the safety of our children and the sanctity of the culture in which we all live,” Loudon said. “I have heard the attempts to discredit this legislation. But I am not surprised. Of course pro-abortion special interests are going to do everything they can to sideline legislation that will actually help the young women of our state. We are making progress, and dishonest criticism is all they can do to mar this pro-life success.”

Sen. Loudon continued, “There is another, insidious side to the lawless view that it is ok to smuggle minors into Illinois without their parents’ knowledge. If a minor is pregnant and approaches her parents, or the courts in the case of a judicial bypass option, the parents will want to know who the father is. The abortion clinics have no interest in paternity. Thus, the Illinois option that we hope to rein in with SB 1 will identify those who perpetrate violence against these girls and curb their ability to escape justice.”

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