

## Virginia Christian Alliance and The Valley Family Forum

**Urgent Alert** -- Ask VA Senators for Help -- **Call Now!** **A Battle for Life in the VA Senate**

### **Protect the Right "Wrongful Death" Bill (HB 1)**

One of our top priority pro-life bills in the VA General Assembly this year is a strong "**Wrongful Death**" bill sponsored by Del. Bob Marshall (HB 1). Unfortunately, Sen. Bill Stanley has just filed a much weaker and more problematic alternative (SB 674) that must be either withdrawn or defeated.

While both bills allow parents to file a civil claim for damages in the event of the death of their unborn child that is caused by another person, there are very significant differences between the two bills as noted below. That is followed by a **Call to Action** for you to ask Sen. Stanley to withdraw his bill.

#### ***The Stronger Marshall Bill - HB 1 (A Pro-Life Bill)***

Establishes a "Wrongful Death" cause of action for an unborn at all stages by recognizing that life begins at conception and that unborn children are human beings.

Creates a general rule of construction that applies to all of Virginia law, thereby laying a strong foundation for every future pro-life effort, including efforts to limit abortion.

#### ***The Flawed Stanley Bill - SB 674 (A Pro-Lawyer Bill)***

Also establishes a Wrongful Death cause of action for an unborn child - but only **after 12 weeks** by amending Virginia's existing wrongful death statute to include "a fetus".

Is limited to creating a wrongful death cause of action but carries no potential to create a foundation for future efforts to limit abortion.

Does not establish life at conception or recognize the basic humanity of the unborn.

#### ***Action Request***

Please call or write to Sen. Stanley and co-sponsor Tom Garrett to inform them that SB 674 will interfere with important, long-term, pro-life goals because it does not establish the important principle that life begins at conception and that unborn children are human beings. Ask them to withdraw their bill and to support **HB 1** when it comes to the Senate next month.

Sen. Stanley is at (804) 698-7520, or you can write to him at [district20@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district20@senate.virginia.gov).

Sen. Garrett is at (804) 698-7522, or you can write to him at [district22@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district22@senate.virginia.gov).

Thank you so much. Your voice could make the difference - for life!

Regards,  
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