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84 PERCENT OF DEMOCRATS SUPPORT

INFORMED CONSENT

North Carolina Legislature Correctly Overrides Veto

Washington DC – The North Carolina House of Representatives overrode Governor Bev Perdue's veto of a bill allowing women to receive information (including an ultrasound) about the abortion procedure and requiring a 24-hour waiting period. The bill also allows women to receive counseling following the medical procedure.

"The North Carolina legislature did the right thing overriding the Governor's veto," said Kristen Day, Executive Director of Democrats for Life of America. "No woman should be forced to have an abortion or any medical procedure without knowing all the facts. We particularly appreciate the critical vote cast by pro-life Democratic Representative James Crawford."

Crawford previously opposed the measure out of respect for his party. However, his final vote is more consistent with Democratic voters nationwide. A recent Gallup Poll found that 84 percent of Democrats agree with Rep. Crawford and support informed consent. According to the same poll, 60 percent of Democrats support a 24-hour waiting period, and almost half of Democrats, 49 percent, support an ultrasound requirement.

 "It is clear that a majority of the country and a majority of Democrats support these measures," said Day. "We encourage Democratic legislators and Democrats across the nation to show the same courage as Representative Crawford and stand by their principles. Supporting women and supporting unborn children are consistent with Democratic values."

The bill now faces another veto-override vote in the North Carolina Senate where there is likely to be another close vote.

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