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Action Alert for Monday, June 29, 2009:

**IMMEDIATE CALLS NEEDED TO HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS!**

Since SB 919/920 passed in the Senate Judiciary June 16, there's been a brief lull to your email boxes as we in Harrisburg have been down at the Capitol currying support.

NOW WE NEED YOU to make another statewide grassroots push of phone calls!

NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 30, the HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WILL BE VOTING on House Bills 1586/1588, our legislation to provide revenue for domestic violence and child abuse prevention services through increases to the existing marriage license and divorce filing fees.

BEGINNING RIGHT NOW and on through Tuesday morning, we need all of you to make phone calls to all members of the House Judiciary Committee, urging them to VOTE YES ON HB 1586/1588 AT THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 30 (and if they can't attend, to SEND THEIR PROXY to vote yes!)

Here's the scoop:

The House Judiciary Committee has 26 members. We need a majority of votes to get the bill out of Committee and on to the next step. There is no doubt that it was your grassroots action that allowed us to pass (by only one vote!) the bills in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Now we need to do that again in House Judiciary!

**EXISTING Cosponsors/Supporters - Reminder & Encouragement Calls Needed!**

Right now, only 7 are cosponsors (Caltagirone, Brennan, Shapiro, Wagner, Walko, White, and Vereb).

Additionally, Pallone, Kula, and Grell have said they will vote yes. These 10 need calls thanking them for their support and urging them to attend on June 30 and vote yes. Contact info for these 10 existing cosponsors/supporters is below.

The message to Caltagirone, Brennan, Shapiro, Wagner, Walko, White, Vereb, Pallone, Kula, and Grell is:

- My name is \_\_ and I'm the ED [or \_\_\_\_] of the domestic violence program [in Representative \_\_\_\_'s district] OR [serving victims from all over the state].
- I'm calling about House Bills 1586 and 1588, legislation to increase revenue for domestic violence and child abuse services.
- THANK YOU for your support of HB 1586 & 1588. I know you are a great ally in the movement to end abuse, and we really appreciate that support!
- HB 1586 & 1588 will be voted on in Judiciary on Tuesday, June 30, and WE NEED YOU TO VOTE 'YES.'
- IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND the Judiciary Committee meeting on Tuesday, please SEND A PROXY TO VOTE 'YES.'
- THIS IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF SUSTAINING SERVICES TO FAMILIES SUFFERING FROM ABUSE, services that save lives and help make our communities safer. HB 1586 & 1588 increase EXISTING marriage and divorce fees to support domestic violence and child abuse prevention services. Your constituent programs need this funding in order to continue to provide these life-saving services.

**CALLS NEEDED MOST: Representatives Who are NOT Yet Cosponsors/Supporters**

The remaining 16 Reps who have not yet signed on as cosponsors or said they would support the bills REALLY need to be reached by AS MANY CALLS AS YOU CAN GET! Their names and contact info is below.

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- HB 1586 & 1588 increase EXISTING marriage and divorce fees to support domestic violence and child abuse prevention services.
- These existing fees have NEVER BEEN INCREASED in the decades since they were enacted. They effect citizens only once or twice in their lives, and have no impact on the General Fund.
- THIS IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF SUSTAINING SERVICES TO FAMILIES SUFFERING FROM ABUSE, services that save lives and help make our communities safer. Your constituent programs need this funding in order to continue to provide life-saving services to victims of abuse.
- PLEASE VOTE YES ON ON HB 1586 & 1588 on JUNE 30!

If Representatives and/or staff have questions or concerns:

- Use the Talking Points, Q & A, and materials to frame your conversation.
- Emphasize how important your services are to victims in crisis, and how your program has struggled to make ends meet--noting the increases in demand correlating to the economic recession. MAKE YOUR CASE for the value of your services and the impact they have on victims lives!

Please, please, please, REPORT BACK to both Nicole and Peg whatever contacts you've made and what feedback you've gotten. We can't overstate how important your feedback to us is!

EXISTING HOUSE COSPONSORS/SUPPORTERS (Thank, Remind, Encourage):

- CALTAGIRONE (D & Judiciary Chair), Berks, 717-787-3525 (Capitol), 610-376-1529 (District Office)
- BRENNAN (D), Lehigh/Northampton, 717-772-9902 (Capitol), 610-882-1510 (District Office)
- SHAPIRO (D), Montgomery, 717-783-7619 (Capitol), 215-517-6800 (District Office)
- WAGNER (LEAD D), Allegheny, 717-783-1582 (Capitol), 412-343-2094 (District Office)
- WALKO (D), Allegheny, 717-787-5470 (Capitol), 412-321-5523 (District Office)
- WHITE (D), Washington/Allegheny/Beaver, 717-783-6437 (Capitol), 724-746-3677 (District Office)
- VEREB (R), Montgomery, 717-705-7164 (Capitol), 610-409-2615 (District Office)
- PALLONE (D), Armstrong/Westmoreland, 717-783-1819 (Capitol), 724-339-1990 (District Office)
- KULA (D), Fayette/Westmoreland, 717-772-1858 (Capitol), 724-626-2761 (District Office)
- GRELL (R), Cumberland/Perry, 717-783-2655 (Capitol), 717-767-3947 (District Office)

ALL OTHER HOUSE JUDICIARY MEMBERS (Calls Urging Yes Votes June 30):

- CASORIO (D), Westmoreland, (717) 783-3483 (Capitol), (724) 861-0247 (District Office)
- CREIGHTON (R), Lancaster, (717) 772-5290 (Capitol), (717) 664-4979 (District Office - Manheim), (717) 336-



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2199 (District Office - Denver)

- DRUCKER (D), Chester/Montgomery, (717) 705-2003 (Capitol), (610) 688-5691 (District Office - Wayne), (610) 631-2865 (District Office - Audubon)

- GABIG (R), Cumberland, (717) 772-2280 (Capitol), (717) 249-1990 (District Office)

- HARPER (R), Montgomery, (717) 787-2801 (Capitol), (610) 277-3230 (District Office)

- KRIEGER (R), Westmoreland, (717) 260-6146 (Capitol), (724) 834-6400 (District Office - Greensburg), (724) 600-7021 (District Office - Crabtree), (724) 925-5490 (District Office - Youngwood)

- LENTZ (D), Delaware, (717) 787-8574 (Capitol), (610) 544-7301 (District Office)

- MANDERINO (D), Montgomery/Philadelphia, (717) 787-1254 (Capitol), (215) 482-8726 (District Office)

- MARSICO (R), Dauphin, (717) 783-2014 (Capitol), (717) 652-3721 (District Office)

- O'NEILL (R), Bucks, (was cosponsor last year!), (717) 705-7170 (Capitol), (215) 441-2624 (District Office)

- PETRARCA (D), Armstrong/Westmoreland, (717) 787-5142 (Capitol), (724) 567-6982 (District Office)

- ROCK (R), Franklin, (717) 783-5218 (Capitol), (717) 749-7384 (District Office - Waynesboro), (717) 597-2224 (District Office - Greencastle)

- STEVENSON (R), Butler/Mercer, (717) 783-6438 (Capitol), (724) 284-1431 (District Office - Butler), (724) 458-4911 (District Office - Grove City)

- TRUE (R), Lancaster, (717) 705-7161 (Capitol), (717) 295-5050 (District Office)

- VITALI (D), Delaware, (717) 787-7647 (Capitol), (610) 789-3900 (District Office)

- WATERS (D), Delaware/Philadelphia, (717) 772-9850 (Capitol), (215) 748-6712 (District Office)

More Info:

Find the complete list of House Judiciary Cmte members [here](#):

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/cteInfo/cteInfo.cfm?cde=24&body=H>

If you want to check if your legislator has signed on, the cosponsors are posted as they are added. Only the original cosponsors' names appear on the bill text, but updates as to subsequent cosponsors are available by clicking on the "History" link.

To check on the cosponsors for HB 1588, click [Link]here:

[http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill\\_history.cfm?year=2009&ind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1588](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill_history.cfm?year=2009&ind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1588)



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