

**State Lobby Day
Richmond
February 1, 2012**

Nine of our members from Virginia Beach, NOVA, Roanoke and Richmond met at the Capitol on Wednesday for a successful joint Lobby Day with LWV and NOW - Thanks to one and all for making the trip and devoting your time and energy to the cause.

Please contact your legislators ASAP on these important issues for women and girls -

SUPPORT:

HB 183 and SB 568 - Pre-natal care funds for low-income LEGAL immigrants

HB 836 - safeguards against shackling pregnant women prisoners (Del Hope and LeMonyon)

Ratify ERA - SJR 130 - (Barker, Marsden, Miller, Favola and Puller)

HJR 115 - (Surovell, Kory, Plum, Scott and Sickles)

OPPOSE:

SB 1 (Martin) - Provisional Ballot or HB 9 (Cole) similar bill - already PASSED THE HOUSE ON Tuesday

SB 62 (Stanley) - Voter registration by party mandatory

HB 1069 (Hugo, Anderson) - also mandatory voter registration by party

HB 569 - (Marshall) and HB 828 (Marshall and HB 895 (Hugo/Albo) proof of citizenship to vote effective July 1 or Jan 1

SB 484 (Vogel) and HB 261 (Cole) and HB 462 (Byron) MANDATORY ULTRASOUND prior to abortion procedure - must offer opportunity to view the fetal image and hear the heartbeat - this is a medically unnecessary procedure that adds to healthcare costs

Please call if you have questions or need assistance. Phone calls, letters, emails - all are acceptable means of communicating with your legislators.

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