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Dear friend of the WLC,

We are happy to report that last night the Senate version of the Time to Care Act (SB275) was voted out of the House with a vote of 90-43 in favor of paid family leave!

This has been a hard fought battle and the Senate still needs to vote to concur on the amendments attached by the House, but the bill is in a strong position to head to the Governor's desk.

SB275 establishes a paid family and medical leave program that allows Maryland workers to take up to 12 weeks of leave to care for themselves or their family, receive partial wage replacement, and provide job protection while taking leave.

It is critical legislation needed now, more than ever, as the pandemic has shown us that everyone needs #TimeToCare.

We are grateful to both House and Senate leadership for making paid family leave a priority this session. And we are grateful to all of you for the phone calls, emails, and advocacy that is helping push this legislation over the finish line.

But the work is not quite yet done! The bill will need to move quickly to make it to the Governor's desk in time for an anticipated veto override before the end of the legislative session on April 11th. We will keep you posted on any further developments as they arise.

Onward,

The WLC Advocacy Team

P.S. As always, if you appreciate the work we do, whether in the General Assembly or through our direct legal services across the State, give here! And if this email was forwarded to you by a friend, make sure to sign up for our legislative alerts here!

P.P.S. **Save the Date for the WLC's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Ceremony on May 19th, 6pm, at Live! Casino & Hotel!** Join us in presenting the 50th Anniversary Legacy of Leadership Award to The Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge (Ret.), Court of Appeals of Maryland; the 50th Anniversary Power of the Present Award to The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker, The Maryland House of Delegates; and the 50th Anniversary Foundation of the Future Award, to Susan Francis, Executive Director, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service. For more information or to buy tickets, click HERE.

P.P.P.S. The "Prom" is back! The Baltimore County Bar Association is celebrating its centennial with their attorney-only Annual Black Tie Banquet event at Martin's Valley Mansion on May 18th at 6:30p.m.

P.P.P.P.S. Join our friends and colleagues at Maryland Volunteer Lawyers

[Service](#) for their annual [A Taste for Pro Bono](#) on April 27, 2022 at 6pm at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

P.P.P.P.S. Join reproductive rights advocates the very next night for [Planned Parenthood of Maryland's Spring Gala](#) at the American Visionary Art Museum at 6:30pm.

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Our efforts to promote justice, fairness, and equality for women are only possible because of friends like you.

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