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AMENDMENT ONE PASSES IN WEST VIRGINIA IN HISTORIC ELECTION

It was an historic victory for the taxpayers of West Virginia and for unborn Mountaineers as Amendment 1 passed on election night 52-48%. After years of trying to right the wrong of the 1993 *Panepinto* Decision, the voters had their say. The state constitution is restored to its abortion neutrality and the taxpayer will only pay for Medicaid abortions with rare exceptions.

Additionally, West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL-PAC) applauds the victories of endorsed candidates Tim Armstead and Evan Jenkins in the Division 1 and 2 State Supreme Court races.

In the 1st Congressional District, incumbent David McKinley defeated his opponent with 64% of the vote. Incumbent Alex Mooney won in the 2nd Congressional District by 23,039 votes and in the 3rd Congressional District, former Delegate Carol Miller, won by 12 percentage points. Although disappointed that Patrick Morrissey was unable to unseat incumbent Senator Joe Manchin, West Virginians for Life (WVFL) is pleased that he will continue his pro-life work as Attorney General. This will mean that pro-life legislation will be defended, if challenged.

In the West Virginia Senate and House, WVL-PAC won in 69% of its endorsed races. Of the 17 Senate races in which endorsements were made, 11 were winners allowing that 23 out of 34 senators support pro-life policies. WVL-PAC can report that sixty-nine of the 100 House Delegates are pro-life, so that the State House will once again enjoy a pro-life majority as the next legislative session begins on January 9, 2019.

WVL-PAC President Wanda Franz, Ph.D., had this to say: "West Virginians for Life thanks the people of the state of West Virginia for passing Amendment 1 to stop taxpayer-funding of abortion on demand. Passage of the amendment returns control of the budget to the state legislature, as required by the State Constitution. We commend the members of the state legislature for their courage in putting this amendment on the ballot."

West Virginians for Life, the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, is the state's largest pro-life group with more than 30 local pro-life chapters. West Virginians for Life works through education, legislation and political action to protect those threatened by abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

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