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SUPPORT S.B. 310/H.B. 129

The Prevention First Act

Sponsored by Senator Nan Rich and Representative Audrey Gibson

- The Prevention First Act is intended to reduce the number of abortions by reducing the number of unplanned pregnancies in the state of Florida.
- The bill seeks to ensure that victims of rape and incest are offered information about, and the opportunity to receive, emergency birth control if they so choose.
- Because emergency contraception (EC) is time-sensitive and works best when taken within 72 hours after unprotected sex, it is essential that health care facilities provide rape survivors with the option to receive EC without delay.
- Additionally, the Prevention First Act prohibits pharmacies (not individual pharmacists) from refusing to fill valid prescriptions for in-stock contraceptives.
- According to the Florida Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, 46.3% of pregnancies in Florida are unintended.
- S.B. 310/H.B. 129 offers a common-sense solution to this dilemma by increasing women's access to birth control and family planning services, thereby reducing the incidence of unplanned pregnancies and abortion in the state of Florida.

For these reasons, BPW/FL asks that you support the Prevention First Act by voting "YES" on S.B. 310/H.B.129.

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