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Dear Candidate,

We the undersigned organizations urge candidates running for Congress in North Carolina's third and ninth districts, to pledge public support to sign the discharge petition for the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* (H.R. 962) upon being elected to Congress. If 218 Members of Congress sign the discharge petition it will force House leadership to have a vote on the bill.

The lack of legal protections for infants who survive abortion was brought to light when New York passed the *Reproductive Health Care Act* which removed explicit protections for infants who survive abortion, and when Virginia Governor Ralph Northam made his infamous comments in which he seemed to endorse infanticide. Several states like Illinois, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Vermont have proposed similar abortion legislation. Only 29 states have laws offering at least some protections for babies who survive abortion, leaving many newborn infants to fight for their lives without any legal protections.

In response to these radical abortion bills, the North Carolina Legislature passed their version of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S 359). However, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper vetoed the bill last week blocking the state from protecting innocent children moments after birth. Now the attention shifts back to the legislature for a vote to override the veto, giving every legislator another chance to stand for innocent life.

The issue with protecting infants who survive abortion in North Carolina also has implications in D.C. where the winners of the Special Elections in North Carolina will have the opportunity to protect infants who survive abortion in all states by signing the discharge petition to bring *the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* for a vote.

We urge all candidates running for Congressional office in North Carolina's third and ninth districts to publicly commit to signing the discharge petition for the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* upon being sworn in to Congress.

Respectfully,

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