

Greensburg Bishop Edward C. Malesic's statement on governor's veto of bill to abolish dismemberment abortions

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I, like all pro-life advocates in Pennsylvania, am extremely disheartened by Gov. Tom Wolf's veto of Senate Bill 3, which would have abolished dismemberment abortions in Pennsylvania and banned most abortions from the 20th week on during a pregnancy. The legislation was passed in a bipartisan manner in both the House (121-70), and the Senate (32-18). It is ironic that this veto occurred during a season that contemplates the birth of a child at Christmas. I thank the legislators — especially those who represent the Diocese of Greensburg — who continue to vote to protect the most vulnerable members of our society, especially unborn children. I ask people to lovingly pray for a change of heart among the legislators and members of the administration who do not recognize the importance of that protection. The right to life is the most fundamental of rights since none other matter to a child who is killed in the womb. I ask people to join me in praying for the unborn, their mothers and our public officials.