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**STATEMENT FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION REGARDING GOVERNOR JUSTICE'S VETO OF HB 5105**

**CHARLESTON, WV** – The West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA) released the following statement regarding the Governor's veto of HB 5105 relating to childhood immunization policies:

On behalf of the hospitals in West Virginia and our 52,000 compassionate caregivers, we applaud the actions taken by Governor Jim Justice today to veto HB 5105.

The Governor's decision reinforces his continued investment in public health measures that are proven to protect our children and keep our communities healthy.

With the Governor's leadership, West Virginia's strong school immunization policies will continue to lead the nation and be a model for other states. The policies we have in place are effective, lifesaving and protect West Virginia children, schools, and communities. West Virginia is doing this right, and we must keep doing it right.

We thank the Governor for recognizing the wellbeing of our youngest residents and for protecting the health and quality of life of all West Virginians.

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**About WVHA:** The West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA) is a not-for-profit statewide organization representing 69 hospitals and health systems across the continuum of care. The WVHA was founded in 1925 to serve as the collective voice of the state's hospital community. Today, the mission of the WVHA is to support its members in achieving a strong, healthy West Virginia. Members of the Association envision a strong health care system that supports optimizing the health status of West Virginians served by hospitals and improving the economic condition of the state. Connect with WVHA through [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).