

From the Desk of Josue Sierra, Director of Communications

Last Tuesday came and went. July 1 is supposed to mark the beginning of Pennsylvania's new fiscal year and a new budget. Instead, the state began another budget impasse, with lawmakers continuing negotiations beyond the deadline.

For many Pennsylvanians, it's just another headline from the Harrisburg Capitol.

For our policy team at Pennsylvania Family Institute, it's a reminder that some of the most important work is about being constant and watchful.

Budget negotiations aren't simply about dollars. They shape the priorities of our Commonwealth. Often, significant policy proposals are negotiated behind closed doors or inserted into budget legislation during the final days of the process.

That is why our team continues to watch the Capitol every day. Back in February, after [Governor Shapiro delivered his budget address](#), I wrote that "Buried inside long speeches and glossy talking points are real policy proposals that will directly affect families, children, and the moral direction of our Commonwealth."

As we count the days past the budget deadline, this remains true.

Our policy team remains at the Capitol reviewing legislative language, meeting with lawmakers, tracking last-minute amendments, engaging with like-minded allies, and working to ensure that proposals affecting families, parental rights, educational freedom, religious liberty, and the sanctity of life do not escape public attention.

Much of this work is never seen, and success is often measured in bad bills that never make the light of day. But it matters.

As Proverbs reminds us, "The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it." (Proverbs 22:3) Part of our calling is to remain watchful so that families across Pennsylvania can be informed, engaged, and prepared to respond when needed.

We are grateful for your partnership with us in this work. Your prayers, encouragement, and faithful financial support make it possible for us to maintain a constant presence in Harrisburg.

Please pray for wisdom for our policy team, discernment for lawmakers, and that God would guide the decisions being made in these final stages of the budget process.

As Paul reminds us in Galatians 3:24, good laws can often point to Christ and the gospel. If you haven't already, [consider how God might lead you to join us with a recurring financial contribution to help fund this important work.](#)

For Faith, Family, and Freedom,



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P.S. Two weeks from today, we're hosting a [FREE public evening](#) with economist Daniel Di Martino as part of our City on the Hill conference. Daniel offers a timely perspective on freedom, socialism, immigration, and the lessons America can learn from Venezuela's tragic decline. The event is

Tuesday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Chapel at Lancaster Bible College. Seating is free, but registration is required—[reserve your seat today](#).

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