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LWVO Written Testimony on
HB 163 – FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY
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The League of Women voters is pleased to endorse the designation of May 24 as First Responders Appreciation Day. These brave men and women have chosen to engage in difficult and dangerous work. Surely we should do everything possible to make their lives less perilous.

A good example, where something can be done, is identifying fracking chemicals. Current law allows information on these chemicals to be provided to first responders after a fire has broken out. Surely this information must be available to them long before a well fire occurs. We urge the General Assembly to enact legislation requiring that all of the information on all of the fracking chemicals be provided directly to first responders 30 to 60 days before drilling commences. Such a law will be of lasting value.