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To: Senate State Government Oversight and Reform Committee

From: Peg Rosenfield, Elections Specialist, League of Women Voters of Ohio

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Re: Proponent Testimony on SB 10, as Introduced

Chairman Burke, members of the committee, I am Peg Rosenfield, Elections Specialist of the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

One of the League's Principles states "That every citizen should be protected in the right to vote...." Senate Bill 10 should help accomplish that.

The League is pleased to support SB10 as introduced. It is a bipartisan bill to clarify election procedures by:

- including a reference to the federal mandates in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in Ohio statutes, reinforcing Ohio's commitment to ensuring accessibility for voters with disabilities;
- codifying the rights of voters waiting in line at early in-person voting sites to vote;
- assuring reasonable access for credentialed journalists to polling places, thereby enhancing the public's right to know.

We hope this will be the first of many bipartisan bills that will clarify and enhance citizen access to voting.

I will be glad to answer any questions.

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