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The attached letter was mailed to the following legislators
in the Dallas County delegation:

House members Agnich, Blanton, Bryant, Cain, Ceverha

Gaston, Hill, Hudson, Jackson, ~~KAYAK~~ Lyon, Maloney

Ragsdale, Semos and Wolens

Senators Leedom and Mauzy

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS

6200 MAPLE,

DALLAS, TEXAS 75235,

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2727 Inwood

April 30, 1982

In May the Dallas County Appraisal District will be mailing out its first reappraisal notices.

The district's initial attempts at creating an accurate set of appraisals will likely be welcomed with public criticism. Nevertheless, the production of a tax roll by a single county-wide appraisal unit represents progress. Until the Peveto Code and the state constitution mandated otherwise, more than 30 appraisal offices in the county were duplicating each other's work.

In addition to bringing about efficiency, the Peveto Property Tax Code has brought uniform standards and methods of appraisal to the state's ad valorem tax system. Earlier legislation required mandatory professional training for tax appraisers.

The League appreciates your efforts in support of the Property Tax Code in the 1981 spring and summer sessions, when it was threatened with destructive revisions during the process of smoothing out the original '79 Code. The Dallas League believes you have helped to improve the property tax system within the county and the state.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Materka, President

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League of Women Voters
of Houston
1947 West Gray, Suite 202
Houston, Texas 77019 (713) 529-3171

July 12, 1983

The Honorable Mark White
State Capitol
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor White,

The League of Women Voters of Houston supports adequate funding for AFDC. The AFDC constitutional amendment was passed in the state last year indicating the citizen's awareness of the need for a raise. The League along with many other groups asked the legislature for \$60 or above, which is only 42% of the 1983 Standard of Need. An increase to \$48 was passed, which we feel is insufficient.

We urge you to include an increase in AFDC payments in the Call for the next special session.

Sincerely,

Helen Hunter

Helen Hunter
President

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A quackie
to Foster Whaley -
up in Pampa - mailed
6-3-83 -
(Representative,

Dist. 84)

JUN 10 1983

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memo from---

RUTH LAUER

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Lubbock 79413

Dear Foster,

Wanted you to know I appreciate
& The Lubbock League appreciates
your stance on lifting the
AFDC to higher limits.

I am so sorry it turned out to
be \$48. - That will continue
some real hardships.

Attached is the Avalanche-
Journal's third printing of this
same list - guess who is
missing. After they printed
it twice this way, several
weeks apart, I called the
A-J & told them of their
ommission of you - - - Then
they up & printed the same
list again. Amazing.

Ruth
Lubbock LHV

John -
three times AJ
has printed listing
of local legislators
& three times
left out Foster
Whaley. Out
of sight, out of
mind -

Ruth

JUN 10 1983



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of Houston
1947 West Gray, Suite 202
Houston, Texas 77019 (713) 529-3171

June 9, 1983

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
703 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen,

The League of Women Voters of Houston opposes SJ-3, the Human Life Federalism Amendment introduced by Hatch. Our members feel strongly that this is a private decision, and should not be a part of the Constitution or any legislation. We believe in the individual's right to privacy in reproductive matters.

We urge you to oppose SJ-3, or any substitute, when it comes to the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

Helen Hunter
President





League of Women Voters
of Houston
1947 West Gray, Suite 202
Houston, Texas 77019 (713) 529-3171

June 9, 1983

The Honorable John Tower
Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

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MAY 25 1983

League of Women Voters
Box 23548 TWU Station
Denton, Texas 76204
20 May 1983

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

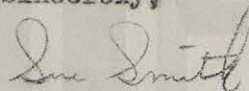
Dear Senator Bentsen:

The League of Women Voters of Denton wishes to have you consider opposition to the Tuition Tax Credits, S 528, Educational Opportunity and Equity Act. The League of Women Voters US is against tuition tax credits because they undermine public education and allow federal dollars to go to schools that might be discriminatory.

S 528 requires that only individuals who believe they have been discriminated against may petition the Attorney General, thus limiting the IRS's involvement in discrimination cases. Also, this bill does not provide any specific role for the complainant in these negotiations nor in the subsequent judicial proceedings and this is a violation of the individual's due process rights.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sue Smith, President LWV of Denton

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MAY 25 1983

League of Women Voters
Box 23548 TWU Station
Denton, Texas 76204
20 May 1983

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen:

The League of Women Voters of Denton wishes to urge your support of the strongest possible General Revenue Sharing bill coming out of committee studies.

The League of Women Voters US has a national position in support of general revenue sharing: "It is in the national interest to promote the well-being of American's cities".

We thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sue Smith
Sue Smith, President LWV of Denton

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& Vandergiff*

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MAY 25 1983

League of Women Voters
Box 23548 TWU Station
Denton, Texas 76204
21 May 1983

The Honorable Tom Vandergriff
1529 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

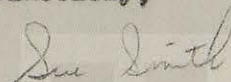
Dear Representative Vandergriff:

The League of Women Voters of Denton are urging you to support HR 2478, The Hazardous Waste Control and Enforcement Act of 1983, and also the support of amendments designed to strengthen the hazardous waste law.

The bill being considered in the Committee on Energy and Commerce will probably be acted on this month. Your support would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sue Smith, President LWV of Denton

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18 May 1983

The Honorable Tom Vandergriff
1529 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

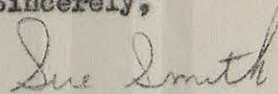
Dear Representative Vandergriff:

The League of Women Voters of Denton wish to urge your support of HR 1036, Hawkins bill concerning Jobs Creation Legislation (Phase II). This bill includes more service jobs, part-time and flex-time jobs and good anti-discrimination language.

It is important that this second phase of employment legislation is acted upon since the emergency bill provided only a little relief in the meeting of the employment crisis that is facing the nation. The League of Women Voters of US specifically supports the Hawkins bill, HR 1036, because of its opportunities to the individuals most affected by recession- women, minorities and youth.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sue Smith, President LWV of Denton



MAY 25 1983

League of Women Voters
Box 23548 TW
Denton, Texas 76204
21 May 1983

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen:

The League of Women Voters of Denton request that you and others on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee that are now studying the "clean water acts" support and work for legislation that 1) maintains national uniform categorical pretreatment standards, 2) does not extend BAT deadlines for more than three years, 3) strengthens the Section 404 program which protects wetlands, 4) reverses EPA's new proposed policy of allowing states to downgrade water quality standards, 5) sets up a new and effective program to control pollution from nonpoint sources, 6) sets a schedule for controlling pollution at toxic hotspots, and 7) allows citizens to sue for damages caused by water pollution,

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Sue Smith, President LWV of Denton

*Copy to the
Senate Environment and Public Works
Committee*

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MAY 25 1983

18 May 1983

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen:

The League of Women Voters of Denton urge you to oppose SJ Res 3, or any substitute, concerning the right of privacy in reproductive choices. Congress must see that individual's rights of privacy in these matters are maintained, by opposing any legislative proposal which would interfere with that right.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sue Smith, President LWV of Denton

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MAY 23 1983



League of Women Voters
of Houston
1947 West Gray, Suite 202
Houston, Texas 77019 (713) 529-3171

Sent letter of May 17, 1983 to the following representatives:

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Texas House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2910, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78769

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League of Women Voters
of Houston
1947 West Gray, Suite 202
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May 17, 1983

Re: "Water for Texas"
SJR 40, 41, 42
CSSB 895, 1026, 1235, 1236, 1309

The League of Women Voters of Houston supports the "Water for Texas" legislative package which passed the Senate on May 3rd. This legislation is a balanced approach which includes water supply projects, waste water treatment projects, water conservation, and bays and estuaries protection.

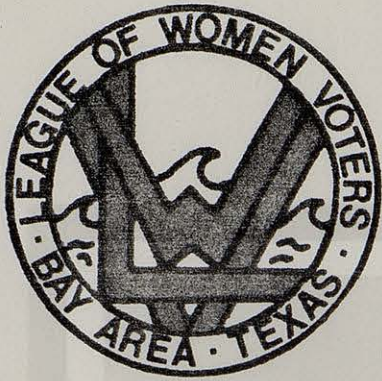
We urge you to support passage by the Texas House of Representatives of this historic legislation.

Sincerely,

Helen Hunter
President

Laura Keever
Legislative Director





LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

4127 Rolling Green
Seabrook, Texas 77586
May 11, 1983

MAY 16 1983

The Honorable Buster Brown
Texas Senate
Capitol Building
Austin, Texas
78711

Dear Senator Brown:

We of the Bay Area League of Women Voters are concerned about the rights and responsibilities of all United States citizens to participate in their government. We are, therefore, urging your support for SJR 25 and HJR 17.

The District of Columbia is an area that is mostly made up of persons in private business or professions. There are only thirty percent who are employed by the federal government while thirty-eight percent of D. C.'s land is tax exempt. The District still must provide fire and protection services.

The District of Columbia does have an elected delegate to the House of Representatives who may serve and vote in committee and may speak on the floor of the House. The delegate cannot, however, vote on the floor of the House. The District has no representation in the Senate.

The D. C. representation amendment would correct this situation by giving D. C. two senators and full voting representation in the House according to population. It will also give D. C. the right to ratify constitutional changes and will continue the District's representation in the Electoral College. The D. C. Home Rule will remain unchanged.

We hope you will support this legislation so that the residents of the District of Columbia, as all Americans, will be able to exercise their full voting rights as well as be equally represented in the U. S. Congress.

Sincerely,

Diane Sheridan, President

Melba Heselmeyer, Program V. P.

Susan Newton, Program V. P.

Copies sent to:

*Sen. Brooks
Rep. Watson
Pennington
Hargy
Cress*

*Telephone calls to Rep. Watson
and Pennington CS HB 2008
(HB 1730)*

MAY 13 1983



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1947 West Gray, Suite 202
Houston, Texas 77019 (713) 529-3171

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MAY 13 1983

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of Houston
1947 West Gray, Suite 202
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May 9, 1983

The LWV-H supports CSHB 2008 by Evans. This bill reclassifies rape, rape of a child and sexual abuse as assaultive offences. We also support amending this bill to rape of a spouse illegal.

We encourage you to vote for CSHB 2008.

Sincerely,

Helen Hunter
President

Laura Keever
Legislative Director



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May 9, 1983

The LWV-H supports CSSB 197 by Santiesteban which reestablishes the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council. We are particularly supportive of the Energy Development Fund, which funds research and development for renewable energy sources.

We therefore encourage you to vote for CSSB 197.

Sincerely,

Helen Hunter
President

Laura Keever
Legislative Director





League of Women Voters

P. O. Box 5067
Victoria, Texas 77903

LWVT
MAY 10 1983

April 8, 1983

The Honorable Kenneth Armbrister
(G14 Capitol Bldg.)
P. O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78769

Dear Ken:

As you know, the League of Women Voters of Victoria supports CSSB-396 and CSSJR13. These bills remove the governor from the parole granting and revocation process and have him appoint all three members of the BBP.

When the House considers these bills, we would appreciate your support.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Duckworth
President

cc: LWVT
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League of Women Voters
VICTORIA, TEXAS 77901

MAY 9 1983

May 6, 1983

Dear Senator Sharp,

The League of Women Voters of Victoria is proud that 'our' senator introduced one of the bills of the "Water Package". You know you have our support in water conservation and planning.

We also support increased payments for child support under AFDC. If you have a vote on this again, we hope you can support increased payments.

Sincerely,
Helen Duckworth
Pres. L.W.V. Victoria





League of Women Voters
VICTORIA, TEXAS 77901

MAY 9 1983

May 6, 1983

Dear Representative Armbruster -

The League of Women Voters is in support of higher payments for AFDC. If the matter comes up again, we hope you can support a increase in child payments.

We also support the "Water Package." Water Conservation and planning have long been an interest of the league.

Sincerely,

Helen Duckworth

Pres. L.W.V. Victoria

The League of Women Voters of Sherman

P. O. Box 2143
Sherman, Texas 75090

MAY 9 1983

May 5, 1983

Sen. Ray Farabee
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Tx 78711

Dear Senator Farabee,

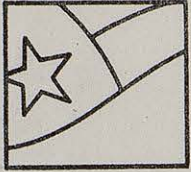
The League of Women Voters-Sherman urges you to support the "Water Package" consisting of: SJR 40, SJR 41 Montford, SJR 42 Parker, SB 1026 Sharp, SB 1235 Santesteban, SB 1236 Howard, SB 1309 Montford and SB 895 Caperton. Knowing how you have worked on legislation in this area, you will be responsive to these bills and we support you in your endeavors. These bills provide a balanced approach to meeting many of the states water needs.

We also oppose any floor amendments that would weaken provisions for water conservation or for protection of natural resources.

Sincerely,

Barbara R. Lawson

Barbara R. Lawson
Legislative Action, Chr.



LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS
of the San Antonio Area

MAY 5 1983
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May 4, 1983

The Honorable Bob Vale
P. O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Vale:

The League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area wants to thank you for your many long hours negotiating amendments to the eight bills in the "water package." We expect you will, of course, support the package. We urge you to oppose any floor amendments that would weaken provisions for water conservation or for protection of natural resources. We look forward to finally having a balanced approach to meeting many of the state's water needs.

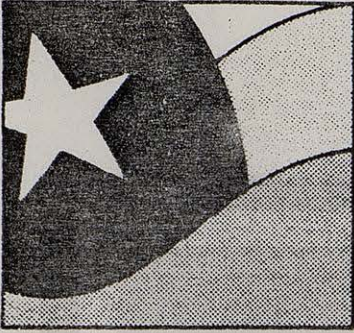
Sincerely,

Sally Coughlin
Sally Coughlin
President

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cc: State LWV ✓
Ruth Lofgren

LA
MAY 5 1983



League of Women Voters of Richardson

1310 Westminister Drive
Richardson, Texas 75081

April 30, 1983

The Honorable Bill Ceverha
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Ceverha:

The League of Women Voters of Richardson oppose SJR 22 because it is a violation of the principle of separation of powers of government. The Lt. Governor is a member of the executive branch of state government even though he serves as presiding officer of the Senate. Adequate provision for filling the office of Lt. Governor in the event of a vacancy in that office already exists; thus we contend that SJR 22 is unnecessary.

We urge your opposition of SJR 22 when it comes before the full House.

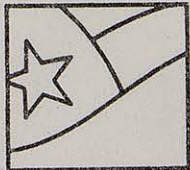
Sincerely,

Carol Wilson, Ph.D., President

Robin Notestein, Legislative Director

Sent to: E. Kentley





LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

of the San Antonio Area

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May 4, 1983

The Honorable Matt Garcia
P. O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Thank you for your prompt reply to our letter about AFDC payments and SJR22. And thank you for your continued support for an increase in AFDC payments.

In answer to your request for more information on the League's position on SJR22, we remind you that the lieutenant governor is a member of the executive branch of state government even though he serves as presiding officer of the senate. Article IV, Section 12 of the Texas Constitution provides that the governor shall fill all vacancies in state or district offices, except members of the legislature, until the next general election. This resolution does not touch that provision but proposes this conflicting measure as an amendment to Article II, Section 9, which already provides for the election of a president pro tem of the senate who would perform the duties of the lieutenant governor in the case of his or her disability or absence from the state, or in the case of a vacancy in that office.

This is why the League opposes this new measure.

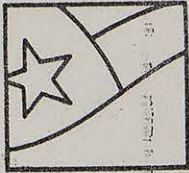
Sincerely,

Sally Coughlin

Sally Coughlin
President

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cc: State LWV Office ✓
Evelyn Bonavita



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

of the San Antonio Area

April 27, 1983

The Honorable Joe Hernandez
The Capitol
P. O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78767

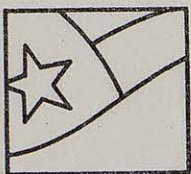
Dear Mr. Hernandez:

The League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area urges you to vote against SJR22 which would provide a new and conflicting method to fill a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor. Adequate provision for this situation already exists. This resolution is unnecessary, and would further weaken the power of the Governor in relation to the Legislature, increasing the existing imbalance of powers. Also it violates the principle of separation of powers of government. Please oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Sally Coughlin
President

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LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

of the San Antonio Area

MAY 5 1983
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May 4, 1983

The Honorable John Traeger
P. O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Traeger:

The League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area urges your support for all eight bills of the "water package." We ask you to oppose any floor amendments that would weaken provisions for water conservation or for protection of natural resources. We look forward to finally having a balanced approach to meeting many of the state's water needs.

Sincerely,

Sally Coughlin
Sally Coughlin
President

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cc: State LWV ✓
Ruth Lofgren, LWV/SAA



MAY 6 1983



League of Women Voters of Austin

1011 WEST 31ST STREET

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78705

512-451-6710

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May 5, 1983

Honorable Tom Craddock
Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
P. O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78769

Dear Mr. Craddock:

The League of Women Voters of Austin urges you and your committee to speed the passage of H.B. 1335 by Terrell Smith relating to prohibiting the issuance of a permit for the discharge of waste or pollutants into certain lakes.

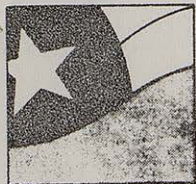
The League of Women Voters has long supported measures for the protection, conservation and development of ground water resources as well as aquifers. Management of water quality by preventing harmful contamination of aquifers and assuring the longterm productivity of ground water resources will determine the future availability of ground water supplies. It is absolutely essential that wise management of water resources, like Lake Travis and Lake Austin, be paramount in your decision making. This bill would help in that regard.

Your leadership in this matter is essential and we add our names to a long list of proponents for this bill. Good management of the available water resources will assure a better quality of life, which is, of course, of great concern to all of us.

Sincerely,

Frances McIntyre
President





LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

of the San Antonio Area

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MAY 4, 1983

STAVE LWV OFFICE:

THE ATTACHED LETTER WAS SENT TO THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATORS
IN AUSTIN:

REP. GARCIA
REP. SUTTON
REP. PIERCE
REP. MADLA
REP. PATRICK

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REP. SCHOOLCRAFT
REP. TEJEDA
REP. MARTINEZ
REP. HERNANDEZ

811 EAST QUINCY

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78215-1485

LYNDA ALLANACH
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

4127 Rolling Green
Seabrook, Texas 77586
May 2, 1983

The Honorable Chet Brooks
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Brooks:

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area urges your support of the Senate Water Package. We believe these eight bills represent a balanced approach to meeting many of Texas' water needs.

The League especially hopes you will oppose any floor amendments that would weaken provisions for water conservation or the protection of our natural resources.

Thank you for your interest in a subject vital to all Texans as well as those of us living in the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

Diane Sheridan
President

Mary Starr
Water Director



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

4127 Rolling Green
Seabrook, Texas 77586
May 2, 1983

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P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

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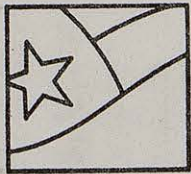
When the bills come to the Senate floor, we especially urge you to support the provisions that call for water conservation and protection of our natural resources. We in the Bay Area League are pleased that CHHB 1026 acknowledges the importance of our bays and estuaries.

Thank you for your particular interest in a subject vital to all Texas as well as those of us in the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

Diane Sheridan
President

Mary Starr
Water Director



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the San Antonio Area

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May 4, 1983

The Honorable Glenn Kothmann
P. O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Kothmann:

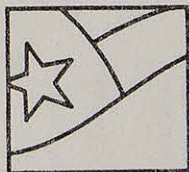
We thank you for voting your support, as a member of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, for all eight bills in the "water package." We urge you to oppose any floor amendments that would weaken provisions for water conservation or for protection of natural resources. We look forward to finally having a balanced approach to meeting many of the state's water needs.

Sincerely,

Sally Coughlin
Sally Coughlin
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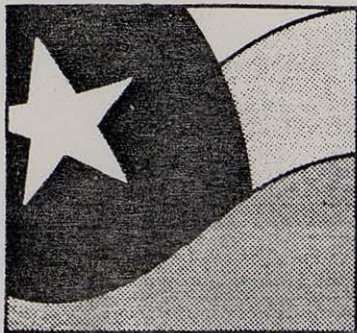
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League of Women Voters of Richardson

1310 Westminister Drive
Richardson, Texas 75081

April 30, 1983

The Honorable Ike Harris
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: SB 117

Dear Senator Harris:

The League of Women Voters of Richardson believes that the state has the responsibility to tailor its block grant programs, citizen participation, agency responses and civil rights protection to people's needs throughout Texas. For this reason, we urge your support for SB 117 which would allow for well-defined citizen participation procedures in the federal block grant planning and review process.

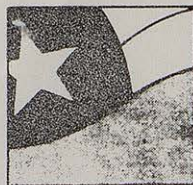
Your positive consideration of SB117 will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Carol Wilson, Ph.D., President

Robin Notestein, Legislative Director





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of the San Antonio Area

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STATE LWV OFFICE:

THE ATTACHED LETTER WAS SENT TO THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATORS
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REP. SUTTON
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REP. TEJEDA

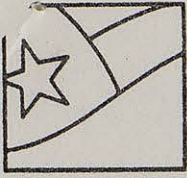
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

of the San Antonio Area

April 27, 1983

The Honorable Glenn H. Kothmann
The Capitol
P. O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Kothmann:

The League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area is strongly against the LBB's recommendation for an AFDC grant of \$43.69. This is essentially no raise. In the last election, the people of Texas strongly endorsed the AFDC amendment to raise the ceiling.

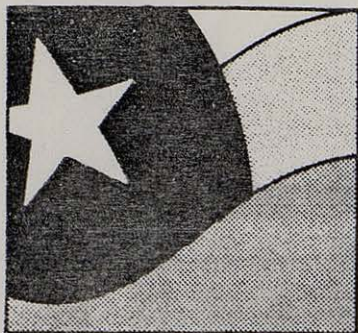
We urge you to vote for an AFDC grant level of \$60 or more. A straw poll of legislators indicates support for a \$72 grant. \$72 is just 50% of a 1983 Standard of Need.

We must support a decent standard of living for these children. Being forty-ninth in the nation in AFDC grant amounts is no longer tolerable.

Sincerely,

Sally Coughlin
Sally Coughlin
President

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League of Women Voters of Richardson

1310 Westminister Drive
Richardson, Texas 75081

April 30, 1983

The Honorable Bill Ceverha
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Ceverha:

The League of Women Voters of Richardson believes Texas children should be a top funding priority this year. The passage of the AFDC amendment, this past November, was a clear message of support from the voters. The LBB recommended amount of \$43.69 would mean no raise for the children.

We support an AFDC grant level of \$60 or more. This amount would move Texas from a disgraceful 49th place nationally in AFDC payments to 37th place. It is time for a decent standard of living for Texas AFDC children.

Sincerely,

Carol Wilson, Ph.D., President

Robin Notestein, Legislative Director

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League of Women Voters of Austin

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78705

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April 28, 1983

Honorable Gib Lewis
Speaker of the House
Post Office Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78769

Dear Speaker Lewis:

We urge you to increase AFDC grants for poor Texas children to at least \$72 a month. Even this figure (an improvement over the \$34 present average grant) represents only 50% of their need per month. Texas, the fourth wealthiest state in the nation, based on taxable wealth, ranks 49th in AFDC grants with Mississippi being 50th. Even our poor neighboring state, Oklahoma, gives more to underprivileged children than does Texas.

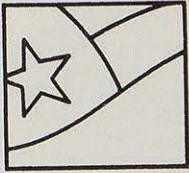
Your leadership for these unfortunate children is greatly needed. The people have already spoken through the 67% who favored the passage of Proposition 2 at the polls in November. With inflation at 154% in the last 14 years, there has been no appreciable increase in AFDC. Poor Texas children deserve priority this year. It will help our children, the future of our state. Justice requires no less.

As members of the Austin League of Women Voters, having studied this subject in depth, we encourage you to lead this drive in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Frances McIntyre
President





LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

of the San Antonio Area

MAY 5 1983

May 4, 1983

Lois Carpenter
President
League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #109
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Lois:

In response to your phone call earlier, I called Senator Kothmann's office at 11:45 a.m. and spoke to Fay. On behalf of the San Antonio Area League, and in the name of Sally Coughlin, I urged him to support the D.C. amendment which was to come up in committee at 2:30 p.m. today.

Sincerely,

Lynda Allanach
Office Secretary

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The League of Women Voters of Sherman

P. O. Box 2143
Sherman, Texas 75090

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April 3, 1983

Dear Rep. Bush.

The LWW-Sherman urges your support of CSSJR 13 (Farabee) and CSSB 396 (Farabee) that will remove the governor from the parole granting and revocation process and have him appoint all the members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles. Our position calls for eliminating the veto power of the governor over parole decisions, but have no objections to the governor making these appointments. It is repetitive, unnecessary and a needless burden for the governor and his staff to have to review the parole recommendations and the commissioners know more about the inmates' cases and can make competent decisions accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation as it comes to the House floor for a vote.

Yours,

Barbara K. Lawson
Legislator, Ch.



League of Women Voters
of Houston
1947 West Gray, Suite 202
Houston, Texas 77019 (713) 529-3171

March 14, 1983

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The Honorable Ashley Smith
Texas House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2910, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78769

Dear Representative Smith:

The League of Women Voters of Houston strongly supports the \$60/month per recipient of AFDC payments passed by the budget and oversight sub-committee of the Human Services Committee. It is time to move Texas up from 49th place in AFDC payments.

Please vote for the \$60 amount when this matter is considered by the House Appropriation Committee.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Helen Hunter
LWV-H President

Laura Keever
Legislative Chair





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The Honorable Craig Washington
Texas Senate
P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Washington:

The League of Women Voters of Houston strongly supports S.B. 197, which authorizes the continuation of the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council. We believe the TENRAC has been effective in the past in articulating both energy and natural resources policy; and we have long supported the Energy Development Fund, which provides funding for basic research for alternative energy technologies including renewable energy resources and conservation.

We encourage you to vote for S.B. 197.

Thank you very much.

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March 1, 1983

The Honorable John Whitmire
Texas Senate
P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Whitmire:

The League of Women Voters of Houston supports S. B. 289 by
Vale which provides for a weatherization program for low income or
elderly individuals or families. Energy prices are a burden for
everyone, but certainly they hit the poor hardest. Weatherization
programs help reduce these costs and conserve energy, both admirable
goals. We encourage you to support this bill when it comes before
the Health and Human Resources Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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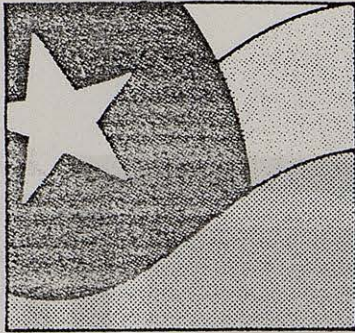
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League of Women Voters of Richardson

1310 Westminister Drive
Richardson, Texas 75081

February 13, 1983

Re: HJR 14

The Honorable Bill Ceverha
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Ceverha:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Richardson, we urge you to vote for consideration of HJR 14. We support the D.C. Congressional Representation Amendment because residents of the District of Columbia pay federal taxes and fight in our Armed Forces yet are denied voting representation in the national legislation. HJR 14 will not confer statehood in the District. Rather, it will simply grant residents of the District of Columbia the same rights all other Americans enjoy- full representation in the U.S. Congress that makes the laws all Americans must obey.

Thank you again for your informative interview on January 24. We hope to meet with you soon in Austin, if your schedule will permit.

Sincerely,

Carol Wilson, PhD., President

Robin Notestein, Legislative Director

The League of Women Voters of Sherman

P. O. Box 2143
Sherman, Texas 75090

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February 11, 1983

Dear Representative Bush,

The LWV-Sherman would like to request your vote for consideration for House Joint Resolution 14 (HJR 14, S. Thompson). The LWV Texas has sent advocacy papers to you concerning the D.C. Constitutional Amendment. We urge your support of this legislation when it comes before you on the State Affairs Committee in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara R. Lawson

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Legislative Action Chr.





LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

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Seabrook, Texas 77586
February 2, 1983

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State Board of Education
Joe Kelly Butler, Chair
Texas Education Agency
201 East Eleventh Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Butler:

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area urges you to consider changes in the state textbook selection process. We feel that citizens should be allowed to defend, as well as to express their objections to textbooks under consideration. Opening the present process would allow fuller public participation and would help citizens to distinguish between minor and major problems in proposed textbooks.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments in this important process.

Sincerely,

Diane Sheridan, President

Melba Heselmeyer, Vice-President

Susan Newton, Vice-President

cc: Senator Chet Brooks
Senator Buster Brown
Representative Ed Watson
Representative Randy Pennington
Representative James Hury
Representative Lloyd Criss