The Honorable Senator Steve Lathrop, Chair
Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Chairman Lathrop and members of the Judiciary Committee:

We are writing to oppose LB814 a bill to prohibit dismemberment abortions.

The League of Women Voters was officially founded in 1920 although the stage was set in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York. We are a non partisan organization that is engaged in the informed participation of citizens in their government. We advocate for public policy but we do not support or oppose political parties or candidates for office.

The League is dedicated to ensuring access to affordable, quality health care for all Americans. We believe that all Americans should have access to a basic level of care, including disease prevention, primary care which includes prenatal and reproductive health care, acute long-term care, mental health care and health promotion and education.

We support the 1973 landmark decision of the US Supreme Court in Roe v Wade. We support efforts to protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. Reproductive health decisions should be a private matter between the patient and their doctor. We oppose efforts that interfere with the private decisions and discussions between a woman and her doctor.

We know that women vote. We have recently witnessed an increased awareness and participation of women in the public policy process, in filing to run for office and in being elected to office. Women are voting. Women are running. And, women are winning elections.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. We work to increase understanding of public policy issues and to increase voter participation in elections.

We urge you to vote to indefinitely postpone LB814.

Sincerely,

Mary Boschult, President
League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County