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Senator Tom Brewer, Chair
and Members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Lincoln NE

Re: LB 83 (M. Flood) Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing

Support

Dear Senator Brewer:

For the record, the League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB 83: the proposed change to the open meetings act to provide for virtual conferencing, including the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing as well as reasonable arrangements to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate to at least the same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used.

The League has long worked for the public's right to know and for broad public participation in government as a necessary component of decision making at all levels of government.

We urge you to advance LB 83 to General File for full debate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheri St. Clair".

Sheri St. Clair
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