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Senator Lou Ann Linehan, Chair
and Members of the Revenue Committee
Nebraska Unicameral
State Capitol, Lincoln NE

RE: LB 364 - OPPOSE

Please include this written testimony from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LB 364.

Senator Linehan and Members of the Revenue Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska opposes LB 364.

The League firmly believes public dollars must have public oversight to ensure they are used transparently, accountably, and according to all state and federal laws. Therefore, we cannot support the diversion of public dollars to private and parochial schools through scholarship tax credits.

Nebraska has a responsibility to provide adequate funding for public schools, and yet our state currently ranks 49th in the nation for state support of K-12 public schools. LB 364 would further deplete the general funds available to adequately, consistently, and sustainably fund critical programs and services that benefit all Nebraskans – including our public schools.

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska urges the Revenue Committee not to advance LB 364.

Respectfully,

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