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

Re: LB 11 (Blood) Change provisions regarding voter registration and requests for ballots for early voting
Support

Dear Senator Brewer:

For the record, the League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB 11 which would allow for a permanent request for a mail in ballot for statewide primary and general elections. The League also supports the provisions in the bill to allow such a request to be made when applying or renewing a Nebraska driver's license as well as defining a process for acknowledgement of the request and the opportunity to correct any possible deficiencies in the permanent mail in ballot request. Through centralizing voter registration with a standard form allowing for a permanent choice to request ballots for primary and general elections, the need for county election commission and county clerk resources to respond to mail in ballot requests on an election-by-election basis should diminish.

The League supports increased accessibility to the electoral process as being integral to ensuring a representative electoral process and the right of every citizen to vote. As shown in the 2020 elections, all parties agreed that Nebraska was able to securely allow citizens to vote by mail. This option was a popular way to vote and expanded participation in the election.

We urge you to advance LB 11 to General File for full debate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheri St. Clair". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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