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Senator Matt Williams, Chair  
and Members of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee  
State Capitol, Lincoln NE

RE: **Support** LB 487 (Arch) Change insurance coverage provisions for mental health conditions and serious mental illness

Dear Senator Williams and Members of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports an adequately funded mental health care system that provides comprehensive and coordinated services for children and adults with mental disorders. We support state and local policies and programs that provide the opportunity for persons with mental disorders to achieve optimal management of their illness.

For the record, the League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB 487. For many individuals tele-health is the only option for treatment. Furthermore, in rural environments where providers are scarce and waiting times extreme, tele-health is a life-line and those individuals should have the equal option of tele-health as to in-person care. Providing tele-health care when appropriate increases access, diminishes severe wait times, and erases the need for long and costly transportation. It decreases missed and no-show rates and that translates to more people getting treatment that they need. We urge you to advance LB 487 to General File for full debate.

Sincerely,

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