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Senator Bruce Bostelman, Chair
and Members of the Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol, Lincoln NE

RE: LB 483 (J. Cavanaugh) Provide for a climate change study and action.

Support

Please include this position statement from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LB 483.

Dear Senator Bostelman and Members of the Natural Resources Committee:

Last year the League of Women Voters of Nebraska supported Senator McCollister's climate change study plan, and again this year we support LB 483 to have the University of Nebraska conduct a year-long study on extreme weather events in Nebraska. The LWVNE supports public understanding and cooperation as essential to the success of this important project. The bill includes extensive opportunities for public comment and engagement as well as input from natural resource experts.

So many sectors are affected by our changing climate including agriculture, water, health care, mental health, energy generation and usage, ecosystems, forestry, transportation, wildlife, commerce and industry. Fortune favors the prepared mind. Let us utilize the expertise of the University of Nebraska to develop an evidence-based, data-driven, strategic plan to provide methods for adapting to and mitigating the impacts of extreme weather events or climate change.

Please advance this bill to General File for full floor debate.

Sincerely,

Janelle Stevenson and Megan Lyons
Co-Directors, Natural Resources and Energy
League of Women Voters of Nebraska

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Dianne Bystrom
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