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

Re: LR14 - Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the United States Constitution

Please include this position statement from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LR 14.

OPPOSE

Dear Senator Brewer:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska opposes LR 14 the "Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the United States Constitution."

The League is concerned that there are many unresolved questions about the powers and processes of an Article V Constitutional Convention. The League has identified a number of criteria that should be met prior to calling such a convention:

- The Constitutional Convention must be transparent and not conducted in secret.
- Representation at the Constitutional Convention must be based on population.
- Voting at the Constitutional Convention must be by delegate.
- The Constitutional Convention must be limited to a specific topic.
- Only state resolutions on a single topic count when determining if a Constitutional Convention should be called.
- The validity of state calls for an Article V Constitutional Convention must be determined by the most recent action of the state.

As the criteria for calling an Article V Constitutional Convention are not in place, the League of Women Voters of Nebraska urges the Government Committee not to advance LR 14.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheri St. Clair".

Sheri St. Clair

Government Director, LWVNE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne Bystrom".

Dianne Bystrom
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Duckworth".

Linda Duckworth
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