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Senator Steve Lathrop, Chair
and Members of the Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: LB1086 (Geist) – Adopt the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act

OPPOSE

Dear Senator Lathrop and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. Therefore, the League of Women Voters of Nebraska opposes LB1086 for the following reasons:

- The bill would make medical abortions as difficult, restrictive and expensive as possible.
- The bill includes language masquerading as patient safety – for example, requiring a follow-up, in-person visit no later than the 14th day after the earliest date on which the drug is administered or abortion performed. This can be an undue burden on a patient due to distance from the physician or inability to keep appointments.
- The bill would disproportionately impact patients living in remote areas of the state. Does every community have a physician qualified to perform the steps outlined in the bill?
- The bill is an invasion of private individual choice for reproductive care.

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports Senator Megan Hunt's amendments to LB1086, AM1630 and AM1633.

AM1630 (Hunt) – No provision of the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act shall apply to any health care consultation or procedure, including, but not limited to, abortion, chemical abortion, or provision of an abortion-inducing drug, **for a person whose pregnancy resulted from incest or sexual assault, regardless of whether such incest or sexual assault was reported, investigated or prosecuted.**

AM1633 (Hunt) – No provision of the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act shall apply to any health care consultation or procedure, including, but not limited to, abortion, chemical abortion, or provision of an abortion-inducing drug, **for a person whose pregnancy resulted from being subjected to labor trafficking or sex trafficking, regardless of whether such trafficking was reported, investigated or prosecuted.**

Respectfully,

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