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Senator Justin Wayne, Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Lincoln, NE

RE: LB49 (Dungan) Change provisions relating to solar energy and wind energy, declare certain instruments void and unenforceable, and provide for a civil cause of action

**SUPPORT** – *Please include this position statement from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LB49.*

Dear Senator Wayne and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB49, giving homeowners governed by homeowner associations the ability to utilize renewable energy for their homes – a positive step in addressing the climate crisis facing our state, the nation and the world.

The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and our planet. We advocate for an interrelated approach to combating climate change – including energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience and promotion of renewable resources --- is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem.

With its work on energy policy beginning in the late 1970s, the League began a decades-long push for energy conservation and the use of renewable resources. As global climate change emerged as a key environmental and international issue in the late 1990s, energy conservation, renewable resources and air pollution controls took on new significance. Thus, the League's interrelated approach to natural resource issues proved farsighted.

We are heartened to see the introduction of LB49. All homeowners should have the opportunity to utilize solar energy capabilities, and LB49 removes one of the barriers that many homeowners face. Please advance LB49 to the floor for debate.

Respectfully,

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