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

RE: LB1304 (Raybould) – Require the Department of Environment and Energy to coordinate and cooperate with Nebraska tribal communities on obtaining federal grants

RE: LB1383 (Raybould) – Provide for grants to Indian tribes to improve drinking water systems or sanitary sewer systems

SUPPORT – *Please include this written testimony from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing records for LB1304 and LB1383.*

Dear Senator Bostelman and Members of the Natural Resources Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports clean drinking water for all Nebraskans and believes that measures should be in place to protect water from contamination and pollution. We support LB1304 and LB1383 provided they comply with the National Drinking Water Regulations as listed in the Summary of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The League encourages the cooperation between the Department of Environment and Energy to collaborate with Tribal communities for the improvement of small public water systems. We also support the creation of the Nebraska Tribal Community Assistance Program for the purpose of providing grants to Tribal communities.

It is vitally important to provide safe and reliable drinking water and wells as the basic infrastructure required for sanitary sewer systems. The League agrees that both of these bills are important and can be used together or independently.

Please advance LB1304 and LB1383 to the floor for debate.

Sincerely,

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