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To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
Senator Jackie Dingfelder, Chair  
Members of the Committee  
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Re: SB 488 – **Oregon’s Clean Fuel Standard: SUPPORT**

The League of Women Voters is a grassroots nonpartisan, political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. Since the 1970’s, the League has advanced a broad national program urging that we avoid the depletion of natural resources and manage the interrelated aspects of air, water, land use, energy and waste management. In the last decade, the League has lobbied for conservation of fossil fuel based resources and controlling the pollution associated with these resources: to preserve the ecosystem for future generations and to protect public health.

The League supports SB 488, a bill that removes the sunset ending Oregon’s Clean Fuels Program at the end of 2015. Removing the sunset would enable the Department of Environmental Quality to begin rulemaking to establish the Clean Fuel Program so as to be able to move smoothly from the registration and reporting phase (carbon concentration of 2013 imports/generation tracked, with data reported by 2014) to a phase that is focused on the acquisition of cleaner fuels.

Ultimately, the Clean Fuels Program is designed to reduce the life-cycle emissions of carbon from the fuel used in Oregon’s transportation system so as to delay or reduce the negative impacts of global climate change and to reduce other emitted pollutants, including sulfur dioxide and volatile organic compounds (VOC’s). The League supports this intention. Nationally, the League has advocated for comprehensive legislation to control climate change by putting a cap on greenhouse gas emissions.

The League also supports the removal of the sunset because the bill contains sensible Consumer Protections (limiting price inflation). In addition, production in Oregon should increase the availability of fuels and the resilience of the supply system during times when the Washington State refineries are down for repairs or preventative maintenance. Oregon’s Clean Fuel Program anticipates creating up to 29,000 jobs, according to Jack Faucett and Associates.

The League urges the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee to advance SB 488 from Committee with a “do pass” recommendation.

Sincerely,

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