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April 22, 2021

To: Senator Lee Beyer and Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chairs
[Joint Committee on Transportation](#)

Re: [HB 3324](#) – Establishes Oregon Vehicle Industry Board – **Oppose**

This bill would break off a piece of the responsibilities of the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Director of Transportation, and the Business Regulation Office of DMV and place it into a new Vehicle Industry Board dominated by business and industry representatives with little or no public representation. This effectively would privatize a piece of Oregon government that has long served and protected Oregon citizens and consumers.

The League of Women Voters of the United States studied, held consensus meetings, and formed a position on privatization of government functions between 2010 and 2012. This Position states in part:

*While the League recognizes that the definition of core government services will vary by level of government and community values, services fundamental to the governance of a democratic society should not be privatized in their entirety. These services include the electoral process, justice system, military, **public safety**, public health, education, **transportation**, environmental protection, and programs that protect and provide basic human needs. (Emphasis added.)*

This bill is apparently preparing for another bill in the 2023 session. Supporters present a long list of other regulatory boards that are similarly organized. However, those boards are for the most part professional boards for accountants, appraisers, architects, etc. and are not business and consumer oriented. This new board would be of a different character.

We urge your opposition to HB 3324.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

Rebecca Gladstone
LWVOR President

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Norman Turrill
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