



The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

February 22, 2023

To: [Chair Rep Lisa Reynolds, House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services](#)

Email: hechs.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Re: [HB2957](#) – Financial assistance to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) – **Support**

In 2020 LWVOR and LWVUS passed the following resolution at LWVOR council and national convention. *‘Be it resolved the League of Women Voters reaffirms our commitment to Immigration reform: laws that provide efficient, expeditious systems for immigrants to enter the United States. The League stands in solidarity with immigrants and our partners in the immigrant rights community. Congress must take immediate action to pass common sense, fair immigration policies that end the crisis at our borders, end the separation of families, ensure their health and safety, and provide a clear path to citizenship which includes the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) young people’.*

The League supports using Oregon Federal ARPA funds, provided to community-based organizations, for financial assistance to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); \$7,000,000, to be used as follows:

- (1) \$5,000,000 for the payment of DACA renewal fees
- (2) \$2,000,000 for legal costs and fees

We urge your Support for HB2957.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Gladstone".

Rebecca Gladstone
President LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudia Keith".

Claudia Keith
Immigration Portfolio