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March 3, 2025

To: [Chair Lew Frederick, Vice-Chair Suzanne Weber](#)
[And members of the Senate Committee on Education](#)

Re: [SB 1098](#) – Access to Materials in Schools – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes in the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. The League is convinced that the individual rights now protected by the Constitution should not be weakened or abridged.

Based on this position, we promote—as a matter of free speech—that youth of all ages within the public school system should always be permitted to learn, in age-appropriate ways, the values that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and the belonging of all people. It is important for youths’ problem-solving skills, to understand the issues we all face together, as a community, a state, a nation, and a world.

We appreciate that this bill prohibits rejecting library materials and textbooks based on their mention of individuals or groups protected from discrimination while specifying a process for reviewing requests to remove materials and requires a public written explanation for removal.

We urge your support for SB 1098.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation

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Barbara Klein
Acting President LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean W. Pierce". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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