



May 4, 2023

State and Local Government and Elections Conference Committee
Minnesota State Office Building, Room 10
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Members,

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) would like to express our support for the elections provisions in HF1830. As a nonpartisan organization that has been committed to building a more representative democracy since 1919, we are pleased to see that this bill expands voter access, protects election workers, and invests in the security, accuracy, and accessibility of our elections. LWVMN extends our gratitude to the Elections Committee and Chairs Freiberg and Carlson.

LWVMN has 2,200 members and 35 local leagues in 45 counties across the state with a mission to empower voters and defend democracy. Our members serve as election judges and volunteers in their community and advocate on issues of concern that are adopted through a consensus process. We are strong supporters of election administrators and the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State (OSS) who carry out our elections. LWVMN is excited that Minnesota will continue to be a national leader in voter turnout and improve the necessary safeguards in the policies and testimony from OSS before you.

Moreover, given LWVMN's statewide membership and our mission, we believe that the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Task Force and local option should be included. Local LWVs have supported the use of RCV, and LWVMN recognizes that the Secretary of State should lead on the administration of increased adoption. We are committed to aligning and implementing new voting rights and election reform policies within our local communities and continuing the conversation with you to best serve voters.

LWVMN strongly supports strengthening and protecting our democracy. We again urge your support on HF1830 that includes RCV, backing from election administrators, and increases voter engagement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Streukens".

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