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Senator John Murante, Chair
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Nebraska Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Re: LB 75 and LB 76 on Restoring Voting Rights for Former Felons

Senator Murante and members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County wants to express our support for LB 75 and LB 76. LB 75 is a bill to restore the voting rights for felons upon completion of their sentence including parole rather than waiting 2 years. LB 76 is a bill to provide requirements for notification to the Secretary of State of the completion of the sentence and parole for any felony.

The League of Women Voters believes that the right to vote of every citizen should be protected. Excessive disenfranchisement undermines voting rights as well as reintegration into the community for those who have completed their sentences.

Voting links people to their local and national communities. Being able to vote creates political participation and a vested interest in their community. It increases the success of their reintegration into the community after fulfilling their sentence.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We work to increase understanding of major policy issues, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

We urge you to advance both bills to general file .

Sincerely,

Mary Boschult, President
League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County

CC: Senators Justin Wayne, Mike McDonnell and Adam Morfeld