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Sen. Laura Ebke and Committee Members  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
Room 1103  
PO Box 94604  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Re: LB165 Require Employer Identification Numbers and Use of Federal Immigration Verification System (Brewer)

Dear Senator Ebke and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska speaks to LB165 from a neutral position. LWFVNE believes the bill is entirely too broad in its application, since all businesses subject to withholding rules would be required “to use the federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees...”

The conversations we have had suggest this would be a major burden on small businesses. We are not opposed to such verification, but agree with those who are concerned that regulations should not create unnecessary levels of regulatory burden on very small employers, such as the mom and pop type or family businesses.

Therefore, we feel LB 165 should focus on larger employers, especially industries that are most commonly known to hire undocumented immigrants, such as animal processing plants, roofing companies, etc. Roofing companies, for example, are known to transport large crews from state to state after communities are hit by extensive storm damage.

We hope that your committee will consider modifying LB 165 to answer the concerns stated.

Sincerely,

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