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

Re: LB 83 on Restoring Voting Rights for Former Felons

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

The League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We do not support or oppose candidates or political parties. We work to increase understanding of major policy issues, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

We want to express our support for LB 83 , the bill to restore the voting rights for felons upon completion of their sentence including parole rather than waiting 2 years.

The League of Women Voters believes that the right of every citizen to vote should be protected. Excessive disenfranchisement undermines voting rights as well as the 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.

We urge you to advance LB 83 to general file .

Sincerely,

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

CC: Senator Justin Wayne