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January 28, 2020

The Honorable Tom Brewer, Chair
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
P.O. Box 94606
Lincoln, NE 68509

Re: LR283CA

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

The League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County is writing to oppose LR283CA, a resolution that proposes a November 2020 ballot issue to amend the Nebraska Constitution to change the definition of elector in Nebraska.

There is no report or evidence that non-citizens are voting in Nebraska. The resolution does not identify an existing problem that is to be solved by this requirement.

The Nebraska Constitution already limits voting to citizens.

It would create costs to include the issue on the November ballot and costs to implement the requirement in printing forms and regulations. Any increase in government costs, intrusion, regulation and process are unnecessary as there is no problem to solve.

Such a requirement appearing on the ballot might be seen as validation of the belief in the myth that, as one uninformed man announced to me at our voter registration table in January, "all those illegals are voting". They are not voting but facts would not dissuade him from his view.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. We work to increase understanding of public policy issues and to increase voter participation in elections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Boschult".

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