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To: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Senator Mark Hass, Chair

Email: lro.exhibits@state.or.u

Re: SJR 201 - Repeal of Ballot Measure #50 (1997) - **SUPPORT**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a nonpartisan, political organization, which educates and encourages citizens to participate in government. The League opposed both Ballot Measure #47 and its legislative rewrite, Measure 50. We have supported the efforts to repeal Measure 50 as discussed in previous legislative sessions. SJR 201 offers that opportunity.

In cities and counties across Oregon, Measure 50 has brought years of property tax inequality and suppression issues for local option taxes intended to assist school districts and local governments. Evidence has been amply supplied by local tax assessors and government administrators regarding the problems of the rising costs of programs and services, and the inability to address them adequately because of the Measure 50 limitations. The League has long supported the use of local property taxes to finance local government and local services.

The opportunity for Oregon citizens to repeal Measure 50 through a vote on SJR 201 should be offered. The League strongly urges the committee to move this effort forward. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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