



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
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April 4, 2017

To: [House Committee on Rules](#)
[Representative Jennifer Williamson](#), Chair

Re: [HCR 24](#) – Requires acceptance of remote videoconferencing testimony – **Support**

The League supports citizen participation and access, for an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive. We believe that requiring acceptance of remote testimony via videoconferencing will be an asset, once adequate technology and infrastructure are in place, as the bill conservatively stipulates. This session we are all concerned with our budget shortfall. We appreciate recognition that technology is improving rapidly and we should acknowledge and use it, especially when there may not be any financial burden to incorporate widely accessible networking platforms.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
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