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February 14, 2017

To: Ways and Means Public Safety Subcommittee
Senator Jacki Winters, Co-Chair
Representative Duane Stark, Co-Chair

Re: HB 5005 Criminal Justice Commission – **Support**

The League has a position on Adult Corrections, which supports the adoption of sentencing guidelines and strongly favors increased use of alternatives to incarceration. The League has been impressed with the work of the Criminal Justice Commission.

Since the publication of Incarceration, Costs and Crime in the January 2007 Report to the Legislature, we have followed the development of the CJC statistics and analytics. We have followed the drug court and community corrections programs in our own communities. The Justice Reinvestment Act provided funds for community resources in order to reduce the prison commitments and recidivism rates. Justice Reinvestment has deterred adult offenders from a destructive lifestyle and has saved money for the public safety system.

The League supports full funding for the Criminal Justice Commission and the Justice Reinvestment programs, which have proven to be successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

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Karen Nibler
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