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To: **Senate Committee On Education**  
Chair, Senator Michael Dembrow  
Vice-Chair, Senator Chuck Thomsen  
Members of the Committee

Re: **SB 52** – Investing in the Success of Our LGBTQ2SIA+ Students – **Support**

As you can see, many League “Positions” speak to our fundamental belief that **SB 52** – Investing in the Success of Our LGBTQ2SIA+ Students is good for Oregon, necessary to provide safety and minimize hate crimes and bullying against students of all ages. *The League of Women Voters supports equal rights for all under state and federal law regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability. LWV works to secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all, promoting social and economic justice, and the health and safety of all Americans. The League of Women Voters believes every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination. Additionally, the LWVOR believes that the early years of a child's life are crucial in building the foundation for educational attainment and greatly impact success or failure in later life. Early intervention and prevention measures are effective in helping children reach their full potential. The League supports policies, programs, and funding at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being, encourage the full development, and ensure the safety of all children.*

We waited to hear testimony today before submitting testimony. It is with celebration and excitement that we commend the many LGBTQ2SIA+ students, adults and their parents who testified. We also wish to commend the work of the Oregon Department of Education in utilizing the Student Success statute to expand work in this area establishing the LGBTQ2SIA+ Advisory Group. We appreciate the informative **LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan** developed by the Advisory Group and support this being put in statute beginning with **SB 52**.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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