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April 13, 2023

To: [Senate Kate Lieber](#)
[Senate Committee on Rules](#)

Re: [SB 1089](#) - Establish a Universal Health Care Governance Board - **Support**

The League of Women Voters believes in promoting a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs. We urge your support for SB 1089, which would establish a Governance Board in the Department of Consumer and Business services to create a comprehensive plan to finance and administer a universal health plan that is responsive to the needs of the residents of this state.

The League recognizes the work of the Task Force on Universal Health Care, established in 2019, which has recommended this Governance Board. The adoption of Measure 111, the Right to Healthcare Amendment, reinforces the need for an implementation pathway. The Governance Board will provide guidance on achieving the goal of Measure 111, which states that “it is the obligation of the state to ensure that every Oregon resident has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right.”

We feel this step is necessary to implement Measure 111 and comply with the current Oregon constitutional right for health care.

We urge your support for SB 1089.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

Rebecca Gladstone
President LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christa Danielson".

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