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April 24, 2023

To: [Senator Deb Patterson](#)
[Senate Committee On Health Care](#)

Re: [HB 2395 A](#) - Allows short-acting opioid antagonist distribution and administration - SUPPORT

HB 2395 will save lives by making opioid antagonists widely available and accessible. The League of Women Voters of Oregon has a history of supporting legislation that improves the lives of Oregonians.

We support HB 2395 for a multitude of reasons:

1. Over 700 deaths have been estimated to have occurred this last year from overdose on opioids in Oregon.
2. Experts believe that many of these deaths are based on illegally manufactured fentanyl and other synthetic opioids.
3. Opioid antagonists such as naloxone are effective in preventing death in otherwise fatal drug overdoses.
4. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that not enough of the reversal agents get into the hands of those who need it most.

HB 2395 will allow a much greater distribution of naloxone and other opioid antagonists and will make it common for these medications to be brought immediately to use by pharmacists, educators and by the public.

These are the issues related to the bill as we see them now. Based on these issues, we urge you to support HB 2395 to prevent opioid overdose in Oregon.

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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