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Feb. 4, 2026

To: **Sen. Patterson, Chair and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee**

Re: **SB 1527**-1 – Provide reimbursement for follow-up Pap screening tests – **Support**

Nationally, this bill would help prevent 12,000 new cases of cervical cancer and 4000 deaths per year. The League of Women Voters has long worked to provide every US resident with a basic level of care that includes prevention of disease. A health care program should protect the health of its most vulnerable populations.

According to the Mayo Clinic, testing by Pap is not enough to fully show the level of abnormality of the cervix. The goal in this bill is to get people a screening procedure to prevent death and decrease the number of cancers of the cervix. This would therefore include colposcopy.

Recently, the Health Resources and Services administration announced updated cervical cancer screening guidelines that would require insurance to cover colposcopy.

Although the rate of Pap smear screening is equal in African-American and low socioeconomic status patients, the rate of colposcopy is significantly lower, secondary to high deductible plans and inability to afford further testing. We believe this bill will help prevent this inequality.

These issues are related to the bill as we perceive them now. Based on our position cited here, we recommend passage of this bill.

We urge your Support for Senate Bill 1527.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Barbara Klein
Acting President LWVOR

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