



League of Women Voters Monterey County

Assemblymember Mark Stone

Subject: AB 796 (Berman)

Dear Assemblymember Stone:

Since 2018, more than 12 million voter registration transactions have taken place at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) through the new Motor Voter program. While in many ways the initiative has been a success, 3 million eligible adults in California remain unregistered. We need your help to reach them.

The Motor Voter program wasn't an overnight success. It has taken years of stakeholder collaboration – and a lawsuit – to build and refine the system. And despite improvements, there are still impediments to equitable voter registration at the DMV. AB 796 would help solve that problem.

We are supporting AB 796 to:

- Make permanent the DMV's current practices that were put in place as the result of the *League of Women Voters of California v. Annis* court case.
- Improve oversight and transparency of the Motor Voter program.
- Ensure voter registrations are processed in a timely and fair manner.

Of the the nearly 3 million eligible yet unregistered Californians, a disproportionate number are youth, people with disabilities, Black, Latinx, Native, Indigenous, and people of color, those with limited English proficiency, or people with low income. With AB 796, we can remove impediments to voter registration and make it easier for these Californians to participate in our democracy.

The LWV of Monterey County urges you to vote yes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marianne Gawain
President, LWVMC

