



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DELAWARE

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HS1 FOR HB 200

January 22, 2020

The League of Women Voters of Delaware supports the preservation of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of our precious water quality in the state and maximum protection of public health and the environment. We also believe that ready access to clean, safe drinking water should be viewed as a basic human right.

Therefore, the League supports HS1 for HB 200.

We have watched our water infrastructure crumbling for many years because of a lack of money for repairs and upgrades. The League wishes to thank Governor Carney, his staff, DNREC, Health and Social Services, and members of the legislature who have worked together for years to find a solution to financing improvements to our water infrastructure. We are also grateful for the work of the many other organizations that have worked to bring clean water to Delaware.

As generous as the newly announced funding is, it provides only a good start for the goals outlined in the Clean Water for Delaware Act. We must continue to work to ensure adequate funding for the coming decades.

Finally, Delaware needs to take all necessary steps to ensure that new business, manufacturing and residential developments do not create situations that could result in future contamination of our surface waterways or our groundwater.

Thank you.