



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DELAWARE**

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## TESTIMONY FROM

### THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DELAWARE

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In support of SB 32, which outlaws discrimination against traits

historically associated with race, such as African-American hair styles

**SB 32 aligns with a key guiding principle of the League—namely, that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.**

The Delaware Code contains many protections against discrimination, both in school and in the workplace. Regrettably, this protection has not extended to traits historically associated with race, such as hair styles.

There have been instances where students have been forced to leave school for having such hair styles, and some workers have been forced to leave their offices until they conform to what we can only call the “white” version of proper styles.

Such racist actions have no place in our state. No one should force their own concept of what is “proper appearance” on others, to cause them to feel inferior or to lose time in school or on the job.

In the words of Amanda Gorman, Inaugural Poet for President Biden,  
“to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside.”

Sadly, we need legislation to mandate such behavior, as disappointing as that is.

We urge your support of SB 32