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CGA Joint Committee on Housing

February 18, 2020 Public Hearing Testimony Submitted by Yvonne Senturia, Election Law Specialist

Support for:

HB5120 AN ACT REQUIRING HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS

The League of Women Voters of Connecticut is a nonpartisan, statewide organization committed to effective public policy, the active involvement of citizens in their government and improving the electoral process. We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on a bill before you today.

The League of Women Voters of Connecticut believes that the political process must be open to all citizens and that the right to vote with confidence in the election process must be guaranteed for all. The expansion of opportunities for the registration of potential voters via applications provided to prospective tenants by housing authorities is especially beneficial to those new to voting rolls and to those previously registered who have recently moved within the state.

The League supports HB5120, which expands the opportunity for the registration of potential voters.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment upon this bill.