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Richmond, Virginia August 5, 2025—The League of Women Voters of Virginia condemns Governor Glenn Youngkin’s plan to deploy the Virginia National Guard to support Federal ICE actions.

“Deploying the National Guard on Virginia communities further erodes our democracy. These people have received no due process, which is one of the basic tenants of our freedom,” stated Joan Porte, President of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. “As the granddaughter of immigrants, it sickens me to think of my hard-working grandparents being treated the way these people are. People come to this country for a better life not to be treated like criminals.

The Governor says that the Guard will be used only for administrative purposes, but any support is too much. We urge the Governor to reverse this decision, and we urge all Virginians to respect and honor our immigrant communities.

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The League of Women Voters of Virginia formed November 10, 1920, out of the suffrage movement. The League encourages informed and active participation in government to increase understanding of major public policy issues and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.