

Testimony
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## HB819

Health insurance; coverage for contraceptive drugs and devices.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports HB819. We believe that contraceptives should be accessible to all and that individuals, not insurance companies, should be able to decide if contraceptives are right for them. Having financial support without unnecessary expenses out of their pockets such as co-pays, financial delays, and costly or delayed reimbursements, would help families utilize contraception without barriers. Additionally, according to the U.S. government data from the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) contraceptives are not just prescribed as a form of birth control, but are also used for other treatments, such as to help reduce menstrual cramps.

We urge you to vote YES for HB819