

<u>Testimony</u> <u>House Health and Human Services Committee</u>

February 8, 2024

## HB519

Unprofessional conduct; disciplinary action against doctor for providing abortion care, etc.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports HB 519 which would prohibit the Board of Medicine from taking disciplinary action against a doctor based on the alleged provision or receipt of abortion care that is not prohibited under the laws of the Commonwealth, regardless of where such abortion care was provided or received. This bill clarifies current law to ensure that practitioners may provide abortion care permitted under Virginia law without fear of professional reprisal.

We urge you to support this bill.

## HB609

Contraception; establishes right to obtain.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports HB609 which would protect the right of individuals to receive contraceptives and the corresponding right of health care professionals to provide contraceptive care and information. Virginians strongly support reproductive freedom for individuals without government interference and this bill would protect that right.

We urge you to vote yes.