



Testimony

House Health and Human Services Committee
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The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports SB716. As we witness around the US, restrictions, and attacks on the rights of recipients and providers of contraception and abortion, both essential elements of reproductive health care, it is prudent to enshrine these protections in Virginia law as SB 716 does. We don't want to see providers of reproductive health prevented from delivering the care needed by Virginians and having to resort to leaving the state as we have seen happening elsewhere in the US. Likewise, we don't want Virginia citizens fearful of losing their rights to privacy and essential reproductive health care services.

We know of the many benefits of legal, accessible reproductive health care which include both personal and economic benefits.

We urge you to vote YES on SB716.