

<u>Testimony</u> <u>House Privileges & Elections</u> <u>Subcommittee on Campaign Finance</u>

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<u>HB276</u>

Campaign advertisements; independent expenditures, electioneering communications. SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports HB276. This legislation would expand transparency in campaign contributions and expenditures. By requiring the naming of top donors to paid advertisements in all forms of media, the bill discourages the temptation to "buy" influence and leads to greater accountability to the electorate.

<u>HB643</u>

Campaign fundraising; prohibited during legislative sessions, enforcement of civil penalty. SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports HB 643. Virginia currently prohibits General Assembly members from soliciting or accepting campaign contributions during a regular legislative session, and this bill would clarify the process if the Attorney General's campaign were involved. Clear enforcement of this rule would help prevent even the appearance that campaign contributors could be exercising undue influence on an elected official as a candidate.

<u>HB730</u>

Campaign finance; independent expenditure reports, electronic filing required. SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters supports HB 730. The League strongly supports providing voters with comprehensive and up-to-date campaign finance information on independent expenditures. Providing for electronic filing of these campaign finance reports will make the information available readily accessible to all voters.