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February 12, 2019

To: Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services
Senator Lee Beyer, Co-Chair
Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair

Re: **HB 2010** – Improve Access to Health Care – **Support**

The League of Women Voters has a national position to promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs. The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports continued funding for the Medicaid expansion programs and supports this bill which assigns funding sources for medical services to this population.

The development of the Oregon Health Plan under the previous administration and the subsequent federal Accountable Care Act has provided a base level of health services for low-income Oregon residents. It is necessary to raise matching funds in Oregon in order to draw down the federal funds for the Medicaid program. The League supports this method of providing health care to our low-income residents. Oregon's children, pregnant women, disabled adults and seniors have benefitted from this program.

The sustained development of the Coordinated Care Organizations and the cooperation of the public and private health care delivery partners has been impressive. All are working together for the common good. This legislation will provide the means to maintain the health care services needed by our low income families, disabled adults, and seniors.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

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Karen Nibler
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