



*The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 99-year-old grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.*

April 8, 2019

To: Senate Committee Environment and Natural Resources  
Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair

Re: Senate Joint Memorial 7 – Green New Deal Resolution – **Support**

The League of Women Voters Climate Change Position: *“The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and planet. The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change—including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources—is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decision, at all levels—local, state, regional, national, and global.”* Additionally, LWVOR and LWVUS jointly have *amici* standing with Our Children’s Trust, “Juliana v Gov” active federal lawsuit.

January 10 2019, LWVUS press release: League joins over 600 Organizations urging support for bold climate action; *The League urged Congress to consider the following principles as the 116th Congress debates climate change legislation. **Please note this is not an endorsement of specific legislation and not all of the stated principles are consistent with League positions, but a bold agenda to address climate change is necessary to protect our country and our planet.***

The League will celebrate its 100 years of educational and advocacy service to our country next year and we are clear that Climate Policy is an important nonpartisan and urgent issue of 21st century.

Historically, Oregon has provided very timely environmental leadership: 1967 Public Beach Access Law, 1969 Governor Tom McCall’s 1969 Beach and Statewide River Clean-Up, 1971 Bottle Bill and Bicycle Bill – the first bottle bill in the United States, 1973 Land Use Law, considered the strongest U.S. land use law in the country.

SJM 7: “..... Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

“That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to initiate an immediate social and economic mobilization to reverse global warming and global economy’s overshoot of ecological limits; and be it further

“Resolved, That we urge Congress to enact legislation along the lines of the proposed Green New Deal in order to respond to the climate emergency; and be it further

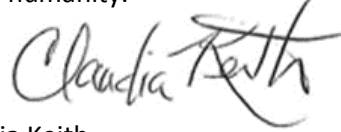
“Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.”

Oregon has an opportunity. We must clearly state the emergency. A real threat to humanity exists today. **We ask that you move this bill forward so a moral voice on Climate Policy from Oregon's Eightieth Legislative Assembly can be immediately heard in the Congress of United States. Our children and future generations will be proud of your statesmanship.**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to this global threat to humanity.



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Governor Kate Brown  
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