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February 11, 2020

To: [Senate Health Care Committee](#)
Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Senator Dennis Linthicum, Vice Chair

Re: [SB 1535](#) - Methods for collecting information used in the pharmaceutical supply chain - **Support**

The League of Women Voters of the US has a position to promote a health care system that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all residents and controls health care cost.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has been following the proposed legislation in the Health Care Committees and the Task Force on the Fair Pricing of Prescription Drugs. We have previously supported legislation that regulated the operations of Pharmacy Benefit Managers. We believe that SB 1535 is well within the tradition of regulating an industry that will benefit consumers by holding down costs.

The League supports the Department of Consumer and Business Services role to investigate methods of information collection from the pharmaceutical supply chain. This bill will enhance HB 4005 (2018) and further clarifies the process of collecting information from entities in that supply chain, in the spirit of cooperation rather than reactively levying fines for noncompliance.

The Task Force and state agencies need more time and information to develop ways to adequately create transparency for drug prices across the supply chain of pharmaceutical products. The Task Force membership is representative of appropriate public and private players and the sunset is extended until the end of 2022.

The League supports SB 1535 as good and needed legislation for Oregonians. We urge your support.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone
LWVOR President

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Bill Walsh
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