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March 17, 2025

To: Senator [Janeen Sollman](#), Chair, Senator [David Brock Smith](#), Vice-Chair, and

Members of the [Senate Committee on Environment and Energy](#)

Re: [SB 634](#) – Changes definition of Renewable Portfolio Standard – **Oppose**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and planet and supports climate goals consistent with the best available science that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. LWVOR supports transitioning off fossil fuels to alternative forms of clean energy: wind, hydroelectric, wave, tidal, geothermal, and solar; and prioritizing a just transition for all Americans.

The League supported the original Renewable (Energy) Portfolio Standard program in 2007. **It's imperative that Oregon continues to improve, not weaken, the Climate/Carbon mitigation and adaptation policies that reflect a realistic legally binding comprehensive plan.** Given the urgency of responding to climate change, eliminating or restricting the effectiveness of the current Renewable Portfolio Standard program is unacceptable. We must provide strong incentives in all sectors of the economy which ensure that we meet both aggressive interim greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and net zero emissions, no later than 2050, while responsibly addressing and solving critical social equity transition issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation, and we urge you to oppose SB 634.

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Barbara Klein
Acting President LWVOR

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Claudia Keith
Climate Emergency Coordinator