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The Honorable David Robertson
Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections
State Senate
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Senator Robertson:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan supports passage of the SB 49, the no reason absentee bill, assigned to the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections.

SB 49 allows residents to vote absentee for no reason, thus making voting easier for many individuals who are unable to get to the polls on election day and don't meet the specific requirements in Michigan's Election Law.

The League of Women Voters supports voting laws that serve today's busier, more complex world and fit with the lifestyle and needs of today's families. Michigan voters desire passage of reforms to make voting more convenient. 70% of Michigan voters support passage of no excuse absentee voting and related measures according to the 2010 survey conducted by Denno-Noor Research of LWVMI.

We look forward to working with you in order to have a hearing on this important bill. Please let us know if we can provide further information or be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan K. Smith

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President

Cc: Senator Beida

