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Majority Leader Randy Richardville:
P. O. Box 30036
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Dear Senator Richardville:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan urges you to support the adoption of HB 4714, the bill to expand Medicaid and make more people eligible for participation in the program. The League believes it is very important 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.

As noted in the Senate Analysis of HB 4714, the expansion would save the state over \$200 million in GF/GP savings in FY 2013-2014. It would also provide Medicaid coverage to at least 325,000 people in FY 2013-2014. The federal government will provide most of the funding for the expansion of Medicaid. Additionally, the state has the power to withdraw from the enhanced Medicaid program at any time. This program is necessary to improve access to needed health care for many of Michigan's citizens.

It is important for the Senate to act now in order to obtain the needed federal waivers and to obtain the federal funds that will pay the majority of the expenses of the program.

Again, we urge you to support passage of HB 4714. Please let me know if we can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Susan K. Smith
President