



June 17, 2025

Senator Sarah Anthony, Chair of Senate Appropriations Committee
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing MI 48909-7514

Dear Chair Anthony,

The League of Women Voters of Michigan urges you to oppose the use of public school funds to fund nonpublic schools that is in House Bill 4577. The League does not support the \$40.8 million allocated for nonpublic schools in section 22F (4).

This use of our state tax dollars for nonpublic schools essentially establishes a voucher program for private and religious schools. The League believes public dollars should not be used for nonpublic education except for shared time in the public schools, auxiliary services and transportation. We must use state funds to finance a strong state public school system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Bowman".

Paula Bowman, Co-President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Hartsough".

Denise Hartsough, Co-President