



July 12, 2019

**VIA Online Portal to Author and Senate Appropriations Committee**

The Honorable Monique Limón  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6031  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 409 (Limón) - Sustainable agriculture and conservation – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Limón:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes to support AB 409** which would fund the development of planning tools to help farmers transition to more climate-sensitive and sustainable agricultural practices.

Since the 1960s, the League has been in the forefront of efforts to protect air, land, and water resources in all settings, including agriculture. Now that climate change threatens sustainability more than ever, these efforts are urgent. We support AB 409 because we believe that, with relatively minimal cost to the taxpayer, the bill could make a strong impact on both improving and enhancing agricultural practices in ways that also aid farmers in maintaining their businesses. This need is especially urgent with small farmers, who may not have the knowledge or resources to make the transitions as easily as do their large competitors.

**Hence, we urge support of AB 409 as a small but significant step toward moving the state to a better position for climate change mitigation, adaptation, and sustainable agriculture.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Moon Goldberg  
President