

July 12, 2019

VIA Online Portal to Author and Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee

The Honorable Ben Allen California State Senate State Capitol, Room 4076 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 43 (Allen) Carbon Taxes - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Allen:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to support SB 43 to study the feasibility of assessing and assigning carbon intensity to retail products subject to the Sales and Use Tax Law,

The League recognizes that climate change is the greatest challenge globally to the balance of our ecosystem, and we support state actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Carbon intensity – the complete life-cycle emissions – is a key measure needed if we are to be effective in reducing emissions. The study proposed will provide the latest methodologies to do so and help us move forward in making those adjustments to pricing, regulations, or otherwise that will prove most beneficial.

The League of Women Voters of California urges passage of SB 43 to study the feasibility of assessing and assigning carbon intensity.

Sincerely,

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