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**VIA Online Portal to Author, Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, and Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water**

The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 5094  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1323 (Hertzberg) – Carbon sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry of projects - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Skinner:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes to support SB 1323**, which would require the Natural Resources Agency, in conjunction with relevant agencies, to: (1) establish carbon sequestration goals for natural and working lands; (2) include specific CO<sub>2</sub> removal targets in CARB's updated scoping plan; and (3) maintain a registry called the California Carbon Sequestration and Climate Resiliency Project Registry to identify and list CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration projects that are seeking funding from state or private entities.

The League supports actions and policies to mitigate climate change. Levels of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> are currently at 415 ppm and climbing – well above the 350 ppm required to keep temperatures below a 1.5 C temperature increase. To reach carbon neutrality by 2045, as directed by Governor Brown's Executive Order No. B-55-18, Californians must both reduce emissions and take CO<sub>2</sub> out of the atmosphere and sequester it. This bill creates CO<sub>2</sub> removal targets for natural and working lands as a step towards identifying the scope and scale of work needed to reach carbon neutrality.

**The League of Women Voters of California strongly supports SB 1323 as a next step toward moving the state to carbon neutrality, and then net negative carbon emissions thereafter.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" being the most prominent.

Carol Moon Goldberg  
President