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**VIA Online Portal to Author**

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 5144  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1567 (Aguiar-Curry) – Organic waste: scoping plan - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes to strongly support AB 1567**, which would require an integrated scoping plan for reducing emissions associated with forestry, agriculture, and urban organic waste.

Currently, regulations for organic waste can be different (or even conflicting) for different sectors, leading to inefficiencies and negative consequences. Preparing an integrated plan considering a breadth of sectors and their interactions as proposed by AB 1567 is needed to limit unintended consequences.

The League of Women Voters of California has a long history of support for actions to fight climate change as well as efficient government, transparency, and coordinated efforts. Actions from AB 1567 are expected to:

- **Increase beneficial reuse of organic waste.** Emissions from wildfires, landfills, and open burns can be avoided by supporting the beneficial reuse of organic material. "Beneficial reuses" capture climate and air pollutants from the organic sources and reuse compounds for an environmentally beneficial purpose. For example, composting agricultural or food waste helps return carbon to the soil that would otherwise be lost to the atmosphere.
- **Provide a healthier environment for all Californians.** With better coordinated strategies for dealing with organic waste, we can improve our forest health, water quality, water supply, and carbon emissions on a life-cycle basis.
- **Improve bureaucratic efficiency.** Currently, the regulations are often unique to one sector, without concern for consequence across other sectors. The current state is an amazing example of bureaucratic inefficiency, which AB 1567 addresses.

**For these reasons The League of California Voters of California strongly supports AB 1567.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg".

Carol Moon Goldberg  
President