



September 3, 2020

VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2788 (Gloria) - Public Utilities: cooperation with immigration authorities – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to request your signature on AB 2788 (Gloria), which would prohibit an electrical corporation, gas corporation and local publicly owned electric utility from disclosing to any immigration authority a customer's electrical or gas consumption data without a court-ordered subpoena or judicial warrant.

Immigrants are valuable and essential members of the California community. Despite this, Immigration and Customs Enforcements (ICE) is currently infringing upon their personal privacy rights by acquiring customer data from utilities through an administrative subpoena process that does not allow for showing probable cause before a judge and obtaining a warrant. This data could be used by ICE to determine where a person lives, the number of people in a household, and their comings and goings.

The League has long sought protection of personal information and continuously works to further civil liberties. Our principles also call upon us to ensure that "no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination." AB 2788 would increase privacy protection for undocumented Californians by providing explicit language prohibiting utilities from providing customer utility data to immigration authorities under a federal administrative subpoena.

The League of Women Voters of California strongly urges your signature on AB 2788 to protect the personal privacy of those in our immigrant community and to reinforce the importance of privacy for all Californians.

Sincerely,

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

Carol Moon Goldberg
President