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Senator Dan Watermeier, Chair  
Executive Board  
Room 2102  
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**Re: LB973**

Dear Senator Watermeier and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB973. The League of Women Voters supports the fair drawing of voter districts for all public bodies in Nebraska. LB973 simply requires that all voter maps be drawn using state-issued computer software.

This proposed law will assure that mapping programs issued by special interest groups of any sort shall not be used in drawing the voter maps. It is a fact that quite sophisticated software has been developed by many different interest groups that creates the necessity of this law, to assure that everyone is certain that no other computer software than state-issued software can be used in drawing the maps.

We ask the Executive Board to act favorably on this bill and send it to General File.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senators Kuehn, Bolz, Chambers, Crawford, Hughes, Larson, McCollister, Scheer, Stinner