



March 24, 2025

Chair & Senator Jim Carlson
Senate Elections Committee
c/o Beth Fraser, Committee Administrator
Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Ave W
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: Testimony in Support of SF 2562, Modification of Lobbyist and Metropolitan Government Unit Definitions

Dear Chair Carlson and Members of the Senate Elections Committee,

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public. Together, we envision a democracy where the voice of each person is heard equally and where voters and elected officials are provided sufficient information about the individuals and organizations attempting to influence legislation and regulation.

LWV Minnesota supports SF 2562, Modification of Lobbyist and Metropolitan Government Unit Definitions

The League of Women Voters supports policies reflect the needs and interests of residents, balanced with interests of businesses and organizations present in their state or local community. Voters benefit from understanding who is being compensated to interact with state and local elected and unelected policy and decision makers to influence those decisions around legislation and regulations. The changes proposed in SF 2562 are the product of a transparent process including public hearings and comment, and review by the Campaign Finance Review Board, itself a bipartisan body. The changes to what constitute "expert testimony," and requirements for nonelected local officials or staff, provide important clarity for those involved, as well state and local officials and voters.

LWV Minnesota asks that you support SF 2562.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Huffman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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