



April 8, 2026

Chair & Senator Tou Xiong  
Senate State and Local Government Committee  
c/o Mikayla Mtanous, Committee Administrator  
Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Building  
95 University Ave W  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Testimony in Support of SF 4898 Legislative email, telephone numbers, and office space usage restrictions**

Dear Chair Xiong and Members of the Senate State and Local Government 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. The League has long worked for transparency and the public's right to know in order to enable broader public participation in government as a necessary component of decision-making at all levels of government, and for transparency in campaign finance and use of government resources.

**LWV Minnesota supports SF 4898 Legislative email, telephone numbers, and office space usage restrictions**

The League of Women Voters supports policies which ensure strong ethical standards and transparency for voters regarding political and campaign expenses, as well as actions and decision by elected officials. SF 4898 closes an apparent gap between campaign finance reporting requirements and legislative conduct. It establishes an ethical framework in statute which would preemptively apply to the Legislature, rather than rely on subsequent, uncertain disclosure after actions are taken. The bill would strengthen independent ethics oversight, clarify disclosure expectations related to legislative operations, and increase public transparency when taxpayer-funded resources are used during legislative activities. This will in turn serve to strengthen public confidence in, and the credibility of, the legislature as it addresses financial misconduct in state government programs.

**LWV Minnesota asks that you support SF 4898.**

Sincerely,

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

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