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The Honorable Christine Kehoe, Chair
Committee on Appropriations
California State Senate
P.O. Box 942848
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Re: AB 591 (Wieckowski)—Support July 7, 2011 version

Dear Senator Kehoe:

The League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) is pleased to support AB 591 (Wieckowski), as amended July 7. This is a community right-to-know bill that would require operators of oil and natural gas wells to provide information on hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, for publication on the division’s Web site where it is available to the public as well as to DOGGR and other agencies.

The public has the right to know the potentially harmful effects of hazardous materials they encounter in the home, workplace and community. The League supports a strong bill so that as much information as possible is disclosed about the chemicals used in fracking, the amount of water used, and the amount of water and fracking fluid discharged and its disposal.

The LWVC joins other state Leagues of Women Voters and the League of Women Voters of the United States in their concern about this national issue that threatens the environment and public health, including the potential depletion or pollution of water supplies. We will continue to advocate for transparency and environmental protection, and we urge your committee’s support for this bill.

Sincerely,

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