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TESTIMONY TO SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

SB294 Earned Income Tax Expansion

Position: Support

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League believes that one of the goals of social policy should be to reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

Low wage workers are working to support themselves but often not earning enough to survive on. This bill would permit childless individuals (who are eligible for a smaller amount of Earned Income Tax Credit) to earn a State tax credit equal to 100% of the Federal tax credit and to claim a refund of the amount that exceeds the total tax payable by the individual.

The League believes that expanding the EITC as proposed in this bill would help to promote self-sufficiency and reduce poverty among Maryland's low income working citizens.

We urge the committee's support of SB294.