



March 8, 2021

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan opposes passage of HBs 4132 and 4133 that are currently under consideration by the MI House Judiciary Committee.

HBs 4132 and 4133 would make it a felony for providing false information or forging a signature on an absentee ballot request form. Currently the law makes these actions a misdemeanor. LWVMI does not support increasing the penalty because it could intimidate voters from applying for an absentee ballot. There is no reason for this change.

The League of Women Voters works to protect the right of all citizens to vote and to encourage all citizens to vote. The League also supports electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable, and enhance representation for all voters.

We oppose passage of HBs 4132 and 4133. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christina Schlitt".

Christina Schlitt
President