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To: Senate Committee on Transportation and Elections

Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 386

In 1971 the twenty-sixth amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed in recognition of the fact that young people who work, pay taxes, enlist in the military and fight for their country should be allowed to vote. The amendment lowered the voting age to 18, opening the way for young people to register and vote while they are still in high school.

What a wonderful opportunity to educate and motivate young citizens to participate in their government! Schools are an excellent and extremely appropriate environment in which to cultivate good citizenship, along with scholarship and career readiness.

Current Wisconsin law takes advantage of that opportunity by requiring high schools to work with local election officials to appoint someone to serve as a special voter registration deputy for the purpose of registering students and staff at each school. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin opposes SB 386, which would eliminate this requirement.

We ask, what problem could this bill possibly solve that is worth the lost opportunity to nurture citizenship in young people?

We urge you to oppose this legislation. Thank you.