



**Testimony submitted to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy
In support of H.2869 An Act relative to a clean transportation future
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The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts strongly supports H.2869 An Act relative to a clean transportation future, along with its Senate companion bill, S.2116, now in the Joint Committee on Transportation. This legislation, which states that on and after January 1, 2038, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles will not register (for original registration) any motor vehicle that is not a zero-emissions vehicle, represents a major step forward in addressing the problem of carbon emissions emanating from the transportation sector in the Commonwealth.

Transportation is the largest emissions sector in the Commonwealth, and passenger vehicles are the dominant source of emissions from the transportation sector, ahead of diesel trucks and aviation. Effective policies and programs to reduce the number of emissions-emitting vehicles and decrease the amount of carbon in fuels are critical in order to meet the zero-emission vehicle targets set by the Commonwealth. This legislation would cause a significant reduction in harmful emissions from fossil-fueled motor vehicles, yielding a critical environmental and health benefit to residents of the Commonwealth.

The League has always been a proponent of wise management of our increasingly precious natural resources and has been involved in numerous efforts on the environmental front over the years. Reducing dependency on fossil fuels is one piece of this multi-faceted puzzle. Such efforts should be encouraged through governmental action and incentives.

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts represents 47 local Leagues across the Commonwealth from the Berkshires to Cape Cod. We urge you to support H.2869 An Act relative to a clean transportation future.

Thank you for your consideration.