



**Testimony submitted to the Joint Committee on Transportation
In support of H.3010/S.2114 An Act to explore alternative funding sources
to ensure safe and reliable transportation
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The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts supports H.3010/S.2114 An Act to explore alternative funding sources to ensure safe and reliable transportation. This bill recognizes the growing number of environmentally-friendly, non-fossil fuel vehicles on our roads and highways and explores alternative means to the gas tax to raise much-needed revenue to fund critical transportation needs in the Commonwealth.

The League supports this bill for several reasons:

- This bill experiments with a method to generate vital transportation revenues across the Commonwealth. Pilot programs such as this have broad ramifications for the potential application of alternatives to the gas tax to generate funds needed for vital transportation projects in Massachusetts. The League supports the notion of experimentation and project evaluation processes which include, among other things, analysis of costs and benefits of alternative solutions.
- A vehicle mileage user fee task force will guide the development and implementation of the pilot program, after soliciting public comments.
- This bill encourages modes of travel other than automobiles, as well as carpooling. By doing such, emissions and auto congestion will be reduced.
- The assessment of user fees would make cost-sharing for infrastructure upkeep more equitable, regardless of vehicle type.
- The Department of Transportation is required to report on results of the pilot and make recommendations for the potential to make it permanent.

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, representing 47 local Leagues across the state from the Berkshires to Cape Cod, urges the members of the Transportation Committee to give H.3010/S.2114 a favorable report.

Thank you for your consideration.