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**LB 440**

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Senator Adams and Members of the Committee:

The League of Women Voters has historically advocated for equality of opportunity for all persons. The League believes government shares the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity for education, and the League supports the efforts of government to increase educational opportunities of disadvantaged groups through compensatory programs like the Student Diversity Scholarship Program.

Employment opportunities in modern, technological societies are closely related to education. Equal access to education leads to equal opportunities in the workforce, and a strong workforce strengthens Nebraska's economic future.

LB 440 will redefine parameters of the Student Diversity Scholarship Program to allow this important educational scholarship program to continue, so we urge the committee to send this bill to the floor for full debate.

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