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### **League of Women Voters of WI Support of AB740**

The League of Women Voters-Wisconsin supports AB740, which places conditions that must be met when placing an inmate of a state prison or county jail in solitary confinement.

The League has long supported humane treatment of those in custody. We have also opposed conditions shown to be destructive of mind or body including forced isolation for long periods.

Prolonged solitary confinement serves no appropriate purpose and can trigger or exacerbate mental illness, disrupt treatment, cause extreme suffering, and have adverse long-term consequences for ability to function. States that have adopted proactive measures to limit solitary and provide treatment, programs and accountability have documented reduced psychiatric symptoms, less violence, and significant cost savings.