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Statement of opposition to AB81, SB61, AB71, SB81, AB60, SB58

The League of Women Voters of WI (LWVWI) is **opposed to AB81, SB61, AB71, SB81, AB60, SB58** as these bills are unconstitutional, violate uniformity and equal protection requirements with different funding schemes for like groups, are a government overreach, and violation of local control.

Current law states that a county, city, village, town, school district, or technical college district may exceed its property tax levy limit if the electors of that political subdivision or district approve the increase at a referendum. Limiting district ability to use referenda for recurring, capital, and non-recurring revenue will severely impede district abilities to fulfill the constitutional requirement of providing a free and uniform education for every child. District reliance on referenda as a funding tool indicates that the school funding formula is inefficient, not working as intended, and requires review. LWVWI advocates for a system of financing which ensures that a child's opportunity for a good education is not limited by the fiscal ability of the local district and that the state will assume a significant amount of educational financing.