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To: Committee on Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs

Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 389 and Assembly Bill 391

Senate Bill 389 (and Assembly Bill 391) would remove the \$325 per pupil adjustment to the revenue limits of Wisconsin's local school districts ongoing until 2425. This ongoing adjustment was created by Governor Evers' veto last budget cycle. The Wisconsin League of Women Voters supports "a system of financing which ensures ... a child's opportunity for a good education". The legislature has not provided a per pupil increase which has kept pace with inflation since 2009. Our schools are now \$3,573 per pupil behind where they would have been had adjustments kept pace with inflation. Inflationary adjustments were consistent from 1992 until 2008. Please do not pass a bill which would continue to defund our public schools. The League of Women Voters wholeheartedly supports public education and urges this legislature to fulfill its state constitutional obligation under Art. X Section 3 to provide our children with a sound basic education.