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To: Assembly Committee on Labor and Integrated Employment and Senate Committees on Labor and Regulatory Reform

Re: Statement Supporting Minimum Wage Increase Assembly Bill 477 and Senate Bill 452

### **Statement on Minimum Wage Increase**

[MADISON, Wis] - The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin wholeheartedly supports a substantial increase in the minimum wage in order to reduce poverty and hunger throughout the state. The current rate of \$7.25 has not been increased since 2009 and low wage workers are falling further behind the cost of living. The League also strongly supports eliminating the restriction on local governments from increasing minimum wage rates beyond those applied statewide. The League believes that local governments and small businesses will need some time, perhaps as much as a year, from the time of enactment so that they can adjust their budget to provide for the required increases.

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*The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin is a nonpartisan political organization that advocates for informed and active participation in government. There are 20 local Leagues throughout Wisconsin. More information is available at [lwwwi.org](http://lwwwi.org).*