



April 13, 2025

Dear Senator Kawasaki and Senate State Affairs,

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports SB 116, “An Act amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each decade beginning in 2031; and relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements.”

The League favors limitations on campaign contributions. Currently, our state campaign contributions have no limit on what a donor could give. A donor could give so much money that the candidates could feel beholden to their contributor. Special interest groups have an unfair advantage and this advantage does not allow for equal representation of constituents.

In addition, campaign contribution limits will allow candidates to compete more equitably for public office.

The unlimited amount of money for campaign contributions in our state is beyond what the Buckley v. Valeo Supreme Court decision supports. As the issue of what constitutes free speech does involve money, the amount must be reasonable. Again, having no limits is unreasonable and can cause unethical behavior(s).

We urge the members of the Senate State Affairs to pass SB 116 through this committee, as it supports fair elections for Alaska.

Sincerely,

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