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To: All Senators and Assembly Representatives

Re: Oppose gubernatorial approval in rule making process

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin opposes the proposal to require the Governor's approval for administrative rules. We view this power shift with alarm because it would weaken the necessary checks and balances in state government.

The League supports an open government system that is representative, accountable, responsive and capable of making decisions. Government must be able to function efficiently with a minimum of conflict, wasted time or duplication of effort.

The state Legislature is composed of elected representatives who are responsible not only to their districts but to the good of the state as a whole. The law gives the Legislature authority to approve the administrative rules that are promulgated by state agencies which are responsible for implementing legislation. This ensures that the rules accurately reflect the intent of the lawmakers.

The new proposal to give the Governor approval power over the implementation of rules undermines the responsibility and power of the legislature. The Wisconsin governor already has great power to influence legislation with the selective use of vetoes. The current checks and balances provide for the Legislature to sign off on rules. There is no need for the Governor to do so as well.

The legislative branch, composed of statewide representatives, should not cede its rule-making authority to the single-person executive branch. We urge you to oppose this measure.