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Dear [Name],

Many of us experienced strong feelings this election cycle - whether your candidate of choice won or lost, or whether you were disenchanted with your candidate choices, it's clear that this was the most divisive campaign in a generation. Many people on all sides of the political spectrum were turned off.

You know that LWV brings together good people of different views, willing to discuss the facts and find a way to come together in a spirit of compromise. Our goal is Making Democracy Work® for ALL.

That is needed now more than ever.

We ask each of you to join us in supporting our work. We need to return civility to our body politic. We also need to enact protections to ensure we have free, fair, and accessible elections for all voters. People expect us to lead and to model how to work together to move our state and our country forward.

Here are some of our plans for moving forward:

Fair Districts for Congress Too

There can be little doubt that decades of gerrymandering have played a role in driving political extremes. LWVO has been working for many years to put a stop to gerrymandering in Ohio. In November 2015, Ohio voters overwhelmingly approved the ballot issue to create a bipartisan process with fair rules for drawing state legislative districts.

In the year since, our Fair Districts = Fair Elections Coalition has worked with both sides of the aisle to extend that same fair process to our US House districts. Legislative leaders are delaying that effort, and the Fair Districts Coalition is seeking public comment on their proposal. We will continue to advocate for legislative approval of a bipartisan solution, and are prepared to pursue a citizen initiative campaign that will give Ohio voters the opportunity to extend the reform adopted last year by approving a ban on gerrymandering for 'Congress too.'

Make a donation today to help us put Congressional redistricting reform on the ballot. Then contact your Ohio General Assembly Representative and Senator, and tell them that you expect them to work to create Fair Districts.

Improving Election Administration & Restoring Voter Confidence

Election administration this year has been chaotic with nonstop legal changes, long lines, voter confusion, fear of intimidation at the polls, concern about the integrity and security of the process, the unlawful purge of eligible voters who missed elections, arbitrary rejection of otherwise valid absentee and provisional ballot forms over minor typographical errors, and more.

We must do more to improve election administration and restore voter confidence in our elections. With your help, we will work with state and local officials on these objectives:

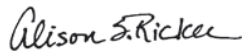
- Restore the voter registration of anyone who was wrongly purged
- Assure that future voter registration list additions or removals are based solely on voter eligibility.
- Develop a portable voter registration system utilizing the state's new database technologies.

- Identify ways to reduce the overuse of provisional ballots.
- Develop a state funding program to assist counties with replacing aging voting machines.
- Reduce long lines at early voting by allowing more populous counties to have additional satellite early voting locations. Ohio law allocates the number of Election Day polling locations based on the total population of registered voters in a county, and the same rules should apply to early voting.

Can we count on your help? Donate now to support this critical work. Renew your membership in the League of Women Voters. Volunteer to help make these reforms a reality.

We are coming together to Make Democracy Work. Can we count on you?

Yours in League,



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