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**THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
*of New York State*

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF:**  
**A.6076 (Dinowitz)**

To: Committee on Governmental Operations  
Date: June 1, 2015

*Subject: An act to amend the public officers law, in relation to requiring the retention of all government emails for at least seven years for all employees of New York State.*

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. As such, we strongly believe that citizens have a right to know and understand the operations of government decision-making.

The League of Women Voters of New York State supports legislation to require New York State agency employees to use their state-issued email accounts to conduct state business. Emails on state business sent to an agency employee's personal email account must be forwarded to an official email addresses. State agencies need to keep employee emails for a minimum of seven years, and emails of Executive staff and other senior employees must be kept permanently.

The League of Women Voters is devoted to ensuring that state officials are more responsive to the needs of all citizens across New York and therefore urges you to support A.6076. It will increase the transparency of New York State government and ensure that public records that are subject to disclosure under FOIL are not inadvertently or prematurely destroyed.

**The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports  
A.6076 (Dinowitz).**