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

MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION OF:
A.7841/KATZ

TO: Assembly Health Committee
DATE: June 1, 2011

Subject: *An act to amend the public health law and the legislative law, in relation to prohibiting state funds from being allocated to Planned Parenthood or any organization which performs abortions.*

The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly opposes the above referenced legislation. This totally misguided legislation would prohibit Planned Parenthood or any organization which performs abortions from receiving state funding.

State funding currently provides for primary and preventive healthcare covering such things as pap smears, pre-natal care and routine contraceptive care for low-income women. This legislation would also prohibit funding for a legal medical procedure which is readily available to income-independent women. This is clearly an issue of fairness and economic equity.

The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly urges your opposition to A.7841/Katz. This irresponsible legislation would deny the women of New York the ability to access critical primary and preventive health care, including family health planning services.

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