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**THE LEAGUE
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF:
S.7592A/ADDABBO & ENGLEBRIGHT/A.10490A

DATE: JUNE 4, 2010

SUBJECT: *Establishes a moratorium on conducting hydraulic fracturing for the extraction of natural gas or oil until 120 days after federal Environmental Protection Agency issues a report on the effects of hydraulic fracturing on water quality and public health*

The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports the above referenced legislation (S.7592A & A.10490A) because waiting for the results from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study on the effects of hydraulic fracturing on water quality and public health before issuing drilling permits will allow New York state to benefit from the findings of the EPA study.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is working on a study of hydraulic fracturing, the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS). In our public comments on this we asked for more time and study. Delaying the issuing of permits for hydraulic fracturing for natural gas or oil until we have the results of the EPA study could improve the way drilling will be done and avoid potentially serious environmental damage.

The League of Women Voters of New York State has had positions for many years that urge vigilance with respect to protecting water quality and public health.

For the above reasons, the League of Women Voters of New York State strongly urges your support for S.7592A & A.10490A.