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

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF:
S.4315C / Thompson**

TO: NYS Senate
DATE: June 28, 2010
SUBJECT: *An act to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to global warming pollution control.*

The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports the above referenced legislation (S.4315C) as a means to avert the most serious effects of global warming.

Global warming will have a detrimental impact on public health and the environment. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, awarded the 2007 Nobel Prize, concluded that the Earth's climate is changing due to human action, particularly the burning of fossil fuels. A cut in worldwide greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 80 percent is needed in order to avoid the worst effects of climate change. This bill would direct the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to establish a greenhouse gas emissions limit from all sources in New York State and require that the limit not be greater than 1990 emissions. Emissions would be reduced below this 1990 level by 20% in the year 2020, 40% in the year 2030, and 80% by the year 2050. Additionally, the bill codifies a Climate Action Council and charges it with the development of a Climate Action Plan, to be updated every five years thereafter.

The League supports this legislation as a means to avert the most serious effects of global warming.

For the above reasons, the League of Women Voters of New York State strongly urges your support of S.4315C.