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**THE LEAGUE
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
A.7347/GALEF

TO: ASSEMBLY ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE
DATE: JUNE 9, 2009

Subject: *An act to amend the election law in relation to making applications for absentee ballots.*

The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports the above referenced legislation (A.7347) which would simplify the absentee ballot application process for eligible voters by providing additional time and means to apply for an absentee ballot.

This legislation will provide voters with more opportunities to apply for an absentee ballot by permitting the use of telefax or other written instrument in addition to the currently required means of a letter. In addition it expands the period of time in which the voter can complete and submit an application and absentee ballot to the board of elections.

For the above reasons, the League of Women Voters of New York State strongly urges your support for this measure (A.7347) which will increase opportunities for voters to exercise the franchise.