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

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF:  
S.2792 (Akshar)**

**TO: New York State Senate Election Law Committee**  
**DATE: March 6, 2017**

***Subject: An act to amend the election law, in relation to removing the requirement that party emblems be included in ballot design.***

The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports S.2792, which would amend the election law to remove the requirement that party emblems be used in the design of the ballot.

Improving the design of the ballot used by voters to make it more readable and “voter-friendly” will allow voters to more accurately record their preferences. Party emblems are unnecessary and add confusion to the already crowded New York ballot. Removing the requirement that the emblems be used allows the county boards of election flexibility in designing a more readable ballot.

**The League of Women Voters of New York State urges your support of this measure.**