

State Issues 2016

So far this legislative session the state League has been very active lobbying for our major issues. Since January 6th we have submitted testimonies to the Joint Budget Committees on transportation, education, taxes, workforce development, and public protections. We have attended press conferences on ethics, constitutional convention reforms, and the education tax credit. We have also participated in lobby days with Family Planning Advocates and the Paid Family Leave coalition.

This year our major issues are voting, ethics reforms, and the Education Tax Credit. We have been focusing our lobbying efforts on the new Assembly Women of Color Caucus. Since the beginning of session we have met with nearly a dozen legislators to lobby our core issues. We are very hopeful that our coalition against the Education Tax Credit will once again defeat the bill in the Assembly and we are also confident that the Governor will act on some of the ethics and voting proposals he included in his Executive Budget.

You can find all of our press releases, memos, and testimonies on our website at: <http://www.lwvny.org/index.html>. Here is a listing of what we've done so far this session:

Ethics:

- Press Conference with Assemblywoman Sandy Galef on her ethics reforms package
- Memo of support sent for Assemblyman Tedisco's "Truth in Spending" bill
- Letter to Governor Cuomo calling for reforms to the delegate selection process from the impending Constitutional Convention

Voting:

- Testimony to the Joint Budget Commission on Public Protections
- Memo of support for a single June primary
- Press Release with Assemblyman Kavanagh's office supporting early voting
- Joint Policy statement to the Elections Commissioner Association
- Letter to Governor Cuomo calling for the closure of the LLC loophole

Education:

- Testimony to the Joint Budget Commission on Education
- Testimony to the Joint Budget Commission on Taxes
- Email to all legislators on our opposition to the Education Investment Tax Credit
- Memo of opposition to the legislature on the Education Investment Tax Credit

Women's Issues:

- Testimony to the Joint Budget Commission on Workforce Development

Be sure to check out the League's blog at <http://lwvny-capitolbeat.blogspot.com/> to stay up to date on the happenings at the Capitol. We've been posting weekly so make sure you check it every Friday!