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## **Public Campaign Finance Program Must Not be Weakened**

### *League Appalled at Efforts to Undermine System*

The League is appalled at efforts from legislators to push last minute changes on New York's Public Campaign Finance Program. New Yorkers have long been frustrated by the deplorable condition of our state's campaign finance system and the outsized power of wealthy interests in Albany. The Public Campaign Finance Program, passed in 2020, was a step towards addressing the impact of wealthy interests in New York politics. Changes proposed in a recently released bill ([A07760/S07564](#)), would drastically alter the intended goal of the program, to empower small donors to have a bigger voice in New York politics. The proposed changes seek to undermine the very foundation of the program. Furthermore, attempting to pass this legislation at the end of session without input from the public contradicts the Legislature's commitment to a transparent and accessible process. The League of Women Voters of New York State urges legislators to vote no on this bill.

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