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STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION
League of Women Voters of New York Rejects Changes to
New Redistricting Commission

The League of Women Voters of New York State is incredibly disappointed that the New York State Senate has again passed a proposed constitutional amendment to undermine New York's brand-new Independent Redistricting Commission structure before the Commission even has the opportunity to begin its work. The newly proposed amendment effectively cuts off all minority party influence on the redistricting process, undermining the role of the Commission. This proposal was rushed through during the summer 2020 session and is now once again being passed without opportunity for public input. Even if the amendment is approved by voters later this year, the timetable for amending the constitution does not allow the majority of the proposed changes to have any effect for this redistricting cycle other than creating legal uncertainty and chaos. The legislature should wait until the Commission has had the chance to fulfill its constitutionally required duties before it attempts to usurp the untested process.