



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Hello,

We urge you to make sure that you always exercise your right to vote. Your vote does matter! It took over 175 years for voting rights to be granted to all U.S. citizens. Voting is not only a right, but also a privilege and a responsibility.

Do vote, but before you cast your ballot, become an informed voter.

In recent years there have been some court decisions that allow almost unlimited money to be used in the political arena to influence your vote, especially at the State and Federal levels of government. You are overwhelmed with negative ads on television, radio and social media. You receive political robocalls as an election nears. These high-pressure tactics are biased and have little or no basis in fact, but are professionally crafted to strike an emotional chord. Some even make you upset enough to stay home on Election Day.

We ask that you tune out those ads and do some research yourself to become an informed voter.

Attend or watch candidate forums and ask questions. For candidates seeking re-election, check their voting records. Look at a candidate's website for background information and positions on issues. Read objective newspaper and online reports, and consider using fact-checking websites.

Thank you for taking the time to be an informed, careful member of our society. And thank you for voting.

Sincerely,

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