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LWVGB JOINS RALLY AGAINST ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW, PUSHES FOR RIGHT TO EARN LEGAL STATUS

(Birmingham, AL)- The League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham will join dozens of organizations Thursday, September 1st, 2011, to rally against Alabama's new Immigration law (HB56.) The rally will begin at 5:30pm in Birmingham's Linn Park. LWVGB President, Ida Tyree-Hyche says, "Too many of our elected leaders are using immigration issues as a platform to incite intolerance and fear. "Patchwork" reform is not only detrimental to immigrant communities, but our community as a whole."

The League of Women Voters supports a system for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status, including citizenship by:

- ✓ Paying taxes
- ✓ Learning English
- ✓ Studying Civics, and meeting other relevant criteria.
- ✓ **The League DOES NOT support deporting unauthorized immigrants who have no history of criminal activity.**

A Federal judge is expected to rule on the constitutionality of HB56 later this month.

Who We Are

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy. The League's enduring vitality and resonance comes from its unique decentralized structure. The League is a grassroots organization, working at the national, state and local levels.

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