



September 9, 2021

VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 27 (Skinner) – Carbon sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry of projects – REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to request your signature on SB 27 (Skinner), which would require the Natural Resources Agency, in conjunction with relevant agencies, to: (1) establish the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy; (2) include specific CO2 removal targets in CARB's updated scoping plan; and (3) maintain a registry called the California Carbon Sequestration and Climate Resiliency Project Registry to identify and list CO2 sequestration projects that are seeking funding from state or private entities.

The League supports actions and policies to mitigate climate change. Levels of atmospheric CO2 are currently at 415 ppm and climbing – well above the 350 ppm required to keep temperatures below a 1.5 C temperature increase. To reach carbon neutrality by 2045, as directed by Governor Brown's Executive Order No. B-55-18, Californians must both reduce emissions and take CO2 out of the atmosphere and sequester it. This bill creates CO2 removal targets for natural and working lands which is an important step towards identifying the scope and scale of work needed to reach carbon neutrality.

The League of Women Voters of California strongly supports SB 27 as a next step toward moving the state to carbon neutrality, and then net negative carbon emissions thereafter. We respectfully request your signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg".

Carol Moon Goldberg
President