



September 7, 2023

**VIA Online Portal to Author**

The Honorable Steven Bradford  
California State Senate  
1021 O St., Ste. 7210  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 50 (Bradford) – Pretextual Stops for Low-Level Violations – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Bradford:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes in strong support of SB 50 (Bradford)**, legislation to limit law enforcement's ability to use minor, non-safety-related traffic infractions to conduct racially biased pretextual stops. It will help protect Californians of color from unnecessary harm and help ensure that public dollars dedicated to community safety are being used resourcefully.

The League stands for the elimination of systemic bias, including the disproportionate policing and incarceration of marginalized communities. We are fully committed to meaningful measures that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. The disproportionate impact of the current practice of pretextual stops on people of color stands in violation of this commitment. It is time to transform traffic safety by centering the well-being of communities disproportionately impacted by police violence.

SB 50 is an intentional legislative measure that offers another opportunity to reimagine what justice and community safety could look like in California. For these reasons, we strongly support SB 50 (Bradford).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Doute". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stephanie Doute  
Executive Director