



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CALIFORNIA

July 17, 2017

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
The Honorable Cristina Garcia  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 398 and AB 617—SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Members:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of California and our members throughout the state, I am writing to indicate our support for AB 398 and AB 617.

We also supported AB 378, which failed in the Assembly in early June. These two bills now replace that effort and will together strengthen and extend the state's program of cap and trade and will improve air quality, and in AB 617 provide the environmental justice protections important for our diverse communities.

We believe action is needed now to eliminate uncertainty and ensure that the California cap and trade system will continue beyond 2020. AB 398, with two-thirds support, will ensure that we do not falter in our hard-won efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. AB 617 will both improve air quality and go a long way to address our concerns about public health impacts on low-income and minority communities with increased documentation and community-level plans.

The League of Women Voters at the national level has long been at the forefront of the environmental protection movement. The LWV of California supports actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change in order to protect our state from its negative physical, economic, and public health effects. We believe that global climate change is the greatest environmental challenge of our generation. The time to act is now.

We thank you for your work to move this legislation forward and applaud you for your tireless efforts on behalf of residents of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen L. Hutchison".

Helen L. Hutchison  
President

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