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NEWS STATEMENT
League of Women Voters Statement on New York State Public Campaign Financing Commission Proposal

“The League continues to believe that comprehensive campaign finance reform is the change New York’s state government desperately needs above all. This Commission had before it a historic opportunity to make significant improvements to our broken campaign finance system, centered around a small donor matching system that would actually work. Instead, they are leaving the job half-done and have allowed themselves to be distracted with issues that are tangential to their mission. The complex small donor matching system proposed by this commission in some ways may be seen to be designed to favor incumbents. The League believes that much lower campaign contribution limits for all candidates and parties and better enforcement are necessary for any new public financing system to function as intended and fix how elections work in this state.”