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**National League of Women Voters President
Visits Massachusetts in Campaign Finance Reform Effort**

BOSTON- Elisabeth MacNamara, newly elected national president of the League of Women Voters, is visiting Massachusetts this week to drum up support for campaign finance reform legislation.

Sen. Scott Brown is considered a key vote in the passage of the bipartisan legislation, known as the DISCLOSE Act. MacNamara will be meeting with his office here, as well as with state League members and the press.

The DISCLOSE Act has been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and is expected to be voted on soon in the Senate.

The act would require the disclosure of corporate, union, trade association and non-profit advocacy group spending in political advertising. It was introduced in the House following the Supreme Court decision, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the decision permitted corporations and unions to spend without limit to elect or oppose candidates for office. The Court's decision made clear that disclosure of such spending could be required by Congress.

"It is critically important for this legislation to be passed soon, so that it can take effect before the 2010 elections," MacNamara said. "Disclosure of corporate and union spending in our elections is the key to allowing voters to make their decisions. This bill is a step in the right direction and achieves its fundamental purpose."

In addition to meeting with Senator Brown's office, MacNamara will encourage Massachusetts League members to urge Brown to support the DISCLOSE Act.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization with 150,000 members nationwide. It is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

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Note to Editors: Elisabeth MacNamara is available for comment on this legislation. Please contact Shawna Reid, 617-523-2999 sreid@lwmvma.org or in Washington, Martha Patzer, 202-263-1332 MPatzer@lww.org to schedule an interview.