

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts urges citizens to vote "No" on Question 1.

Press Advisory

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Position on Question 1

Boston- The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts opposes Ballot Question 1, a proposed law to eliminate the state income tax. Diane Jeffery, LWVMA President, said today, "This is a reckless proposal that will cause drastic consequences across the state."

Slashing 40 percent of the state budget, or twelve billion dollars less in state funding for public works and safety, schools, Medicaid, aid to seniors, and other services will have a dramatic impact on all citizens of the Commonwealth. New revenue sources, e.g. higher sales taxes and higher fees, will shift the revenue burden disproportionately to low and middle income earners. June Michaels, LWVMA Fiscal Specialist, states, "Cuts in state aid to cities and towns will force municipal governments to cut basic services or seek property tax overrides to maintain services for our communities."

More overrides, increased property taxes, disproportionate distribution of revenue sources, and cuts in essential services are unreasonable measures for voters to consider in these difficult economic times. The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts encourages all voters to reject this short-sighted proposal and vote "No" on Question 1.

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