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PRESS Conference: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 12:00 Noon at the MA State House – Room #222.

State Senator Ed Augustus (D-Worcester)

State Senator Gloria Fox (D-Roxbury)

State Representative Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton)

Diane Jeffery, president, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts

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League of Women Voters urges Legislators to support Election Day Registration

Boston – The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts will hold a press conference on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at Noon in Room #222 at the State House. Diane Jeffery, LWVMA President, is holding the press conference to urge the Senate to vote in favor of Election Day Registration in Massachusetts.

Jeffery stated, "This bill is the most significant advance in suffrage since 18 year olds received the right to vote."

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts supports "An Act Relative to Election Day Registration," Senate #2514. Election Day Registration (EDR) is an essential reform in Massachusetts. The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy, and voting should be as easy and accessible as possible.

This legislation will allow any eligible voters to register and vote at their City or Town Hall on Election Day in national and statewide elections in 2008. (Cities such as Boston, Worcester and Springfield may establish additional same-day voter registration at other polling places.) In 2010 all EDR would take place at local polling stations. At the time of registration, the individual must provide proof of identity and residency and must also certify that they are a United States citizen, are at least 18 years of age, and are not disqualified from voting for other stated conditions.

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