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Members of the Oversight Committee House of Representatives P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Representatives,

The League of Women Voters of Michigan opposes HB 4205, the bill to restrict state agencies from adopting state rules that are more stringent than federal rules. We do not support such an extreme ban because there may be a need or a desire to have more flexibility in promulgating rules to protect Michigan citizens.

The League of Women Voters certainly supports the federal government having a major role in setting standards, such as for environmental protection and pollution control, but the state should have to right to set more stringent standards. State agencies should continue to make the decision to adopt more stringent rules based on the specific needs in our state.

We urge you to oppose HB 4205.

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