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The Honorable Kathy Hochul

Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

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Dear Governor Hochul:

The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports S1356A/A3649B the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) bill, which will allow New York State to join a multistate voter list maintenance organization. We urge you to sign this bill into law without delay to give the state and county Boards of Elections ample time to implement the procedures needed to join ERIC and to reap the benefits of modernizing and improving our state's voter rolls in time for the 2026 election cycle.

The League is a nonpartisan political organization working to promote civic responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. We have forty local leagues throughout the state registering and educating voters on local and state issues. The League does not support or oppose political candidates. New York's outdated voter list maintenance practices have led to serious consequences, including illegal voter purges, wrongful "inactive" designations, and widespread issues at polling places. These failures undermine voter access and trust in a time when it's critically important.

ERIC offers a proven, secure, and nonpartisan solution. Already adopted by 26 states, ERIC uses data from state voter files, DMV records, the Postal Service, and the Social Security Administration to help election officials:

- Identify in-state and cross-state movers, duplicates, and deceased voters
- Maintain control of voter rolls and prevent wrongful purges
- Contact eligible but unregistered voters to boost civic participation
- Save time and resources by reducing undeliverable mail and affidavit ballots

As of January 2025, ERIC has helped member states identify more than 13 million cross-state movers, 28 million in-state updates, 1.2 million duplicates, and 633,000 deceased voters still on the rolls. With the 2026 election cycle approaching, timely implementation is essential. By signing this bill, New York can strengthen voter protections, improve election efficiency, and show leadership in election integrity.

Governor Hochul, your leadership and commitment to democracy at this moment would not only safeguard the rights of New York voters but would reassure potential voters that our election system is trustworthy and secure.

We urge you to sign **S1356A/A3649B** into law and make New York the 27th ERIC state.

Sincerely,

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