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Addressing the Plenary Session from the "PRO" mic

My name is Sue Racanelli and I am President of the League of Women Voters of Vermont. Good morning.

The Vermont position is more than health care. It is about you.

Today, privatization of public goods pervades our country. Its implications affect all of us, rippling through our towns and cities, both rural and urban.

Privatization is about private prisons ...

Privatization is about private probation...

Privatization is about water, trash, electricity, public parks, roads, affordable broadband...

Privatization is the Post Office and our libraries.

And, yes, it is about health care.

Privatization is about extracting profit from public goods funded by your tax dollars.

All Leagues need a position that clearly states local and state leagues can advocate against privatization of public goods when it harms all of us.

The League is a trusted voice and we do not want to be on the sidelines, unable to support deprivatization, if and when necessary – to protect our communities – yours and mine.

I urge you to please support the Vermont concurrence. It benefits all of us – you – and you – and you – and you.

Thank you.