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NEW LEADERSHIP NEVADA

Chairman Arberry and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

I am Florence McClure, a 35-year resident of Clark County. This is not the first time I have appeared before the Committee. My first visit to the Legislature was in 1969 as a member of the League of Women Voters being indoctrinated in the state legislature by Jean Ford, who would later serve in both the Assembly and the Senate. In 1971 I would assume the state presidency of LWV as she would run for Assembly District 15, the seat now held by Ms. McClain.

I have read the Paper, "Concept of Leadership and Civic Participation: NEW Leadership Nevada" and I endorse it wholeheartedly; young women in today's lifestyle do not have the benefit of a 6th grade teacher, named Miss Sale, like I did, who took it on herself to lay out the issues of the 1932 election between Roosevelt and Hoover for a week, then put up a couple of booths and let them vote! We don't have Civics or Geography classes now and our citizens are going to the polls in smaller numbers, something has to be done and this concept presented by WRIN is a step in the right direction. I have never forgotten that teacher and have voted in every election. WRIN can develop women leaders who can get us back on track. Hopefully, something can be done to get Civics, Geography and true History in elementary and secondary schools again. When I pick up "USA Today" newspaper and learn that the state of Nevada has again faired "poorly" on a survey on an important issue, such as voting or education, I get red in the face.

I had had leadership programs and specialized training, but as a civilian working for the military; my husband was a career Air Force officer and civilian companies did not want to hire spouses as they could leave on short notice. The training was good and served me well, but there were usually only a couple of females. If I had had the advantage of the program, as outlined by WRIN, I would have been ahead - Miss Sale set me on the right track but there do not seem to be administrators or teachers who go out of their way to aid students, both male and female, that politics encompasses their life. We will witness in the coming months and days how hard it is to set up a democracy - Iraq is the subject country. The U. S. A. is a democracy but it needs some work - some have been left behind and some citizens do not seem to realize that freedom can be lost. LEADERSHIP is needed to insure that we are an educated nation with rights and duties so we do not lose them. Women, if trained by WRIN, can make vital choices to go into public service - this country desperately needs women who are trained leaders, the "caregivers" in our society.

Thank you, Chairman Arberry and Committee members, I am in my twilight years, but I want my country to stay on track - it needs refining to insure that citizens do not lose their civil liberties or other freedoms - young women can play a big part and those enumerated by WRIN need specific leadership training so they are up to the task.

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