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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CONNECTICUT TO LOBBY SENATORS ON CLIMATE CHANGE
“Sisters on the Planet” Ambassadors Mark International Women’s Day**

Washington, D.C. — The League of Women Voters of Connecticut is traveling to Washington, D.C., this week to urge Connecticut’s Senators to support strong climate change legislation. Representing the Connecticut League and thousands of concerned League members and voters across the state, Lynn Taborsak from the Danbury Area LWV will meet with staff members in both Senator Dodd and Lieberman’s offices.

Oxfam America is bringing almost 100 “Sisters on the Planet” Ambassadors to Washington, DC to mark International Women’s Day and advocate for climate legislation that includes substantial investments in vulnerable communities around the world.

“Women around the world are disproportionately affected by climate change, drought, famine and migration stated Taborsak, the Connecticut League’s Specialist on Climate Change. “It is vitally important that we voice their concerns to our Senators.”

“The League has taken a strong stance on climate change legislation for a simple but important reason: without immediate action, the impacts on our planet—and our state—will be devastating,” said Taborsak. “Our Senators must heed these warnings before it’s too late.”

“As the world’s largest per capita source of greenhouse gas emissions, the United States has a responsibility to take the lead on setting firm limits, or caps, on greenhouse gas emissions—limits that decline over time to meet pollution-reduction goals as we have done in Connecticut,” Taborsak continued. “Our Senators will soon have the historic opportunity to take meaningful action on an issue that is neither conservative nor liberal—and will affect everyone in our state for centuries to come.”

“Strong climate change provisions will also have a dramatic and positive effect on our economy—creating new jobs and lowering energy costs,” Taborsak concluded. “It is a win-win for our state.”

Reporters wishing to speak with Ms. Taborsak should contact Martha Patzer at mpatzer@lwv.org.

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