

Subject: Anti caste discrimination legislation

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To the members of the Seattle City Council.

My name is Lev Elson-Schwab and I am the action and advocacy chair for the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County. I am writing on behalf of the league to express our support for Seattle broadening our anti-discrimination laws to include banning discrimination based on Caste.

The League of Women Voters stands firmly against all forms of discrimination. We support the creation and sustaining of a fair and equitable society where no person is pre-judged based on their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or any other group, class or category to which they belong.

Caste discrimination is not limited to other countries, but is an issue that is faced by South Asian people around the world, including South Asian Americans living in Seattle. This legislation will serve to protect these people, helping to allow them to be part of a more fair and just society.

We at the League applaud your recent expansion of city policy to prohibit discrimination based on a person's pregnancy status and urge you to continue to lead the way in equity work by making us the first city in the country to protect people based on caste.

Thank you very much,

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