

Oppose HB793

Bill that would deny rights to public education

The League of Women Voters needs your help to defeat **HB793** that will be heard in the House Finance Sub-Committee on Wednesday, March 4th. This bill would deny certain immigrant children the right to a public K-12 education, in direct defiance of the US Constitution and our country's long history of providing every child access to a public education. Because this bill is intended to be a test case for the U.S. Supreme Court, the outcome of this proposed legislation will affect not only children in Tennessee but every undocumented child across the country for many years to come.

Your representative serves on the House Finance Sub-Committee and will be voting on Wednesday. Please call or email his office right away and urge him to vote no. It is okay to leave a message. Be sure to say that you are his constituent.

Talking points:

- Our constitution gives every child in America access to a free public education.
- Requiring *every* student to provide documentation of citizenship or immigration status creates a significant unfunded administrative burden for every school district to gather, evaluate, and store immigration and citizenship papers.
- Many students who are U.S. citizens may have difficulty accessing the necessary documents to enroll in school.
- It's wrong to use children as pawns in adult conflicts.
- Our communities are stronger when all children have the opportunity to go to school.

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