



**TESTIMONY
HB 1080**

House Human Services Committee
March 19, 2009

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports **HB 1080** that addresses restoring deductibility of child support payments from income in determining the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility.

Payments that go out for child support would be deducted from the calculation of household income. In these households with child support payments going out, it is not part of the income available to meet the needs of children in that household applying for CHIP. Money that goes out from a household in child support payments goes to meet the needs of children living in another home.

The League appreciates the legislature's ongoing concern for the wellbeing of its most vulnerable citizens. Support of the bills that expand the Child Health Insurance Program will further exhibit that concern.

LWV-TX urges you to support **HB 1080**. Thank you.