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Good afternoon. My name is Sue Smith and I am the President of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on HB 4074 that is sponsored by Representative O'Brien and would require the Department of Correction to provide a prisoner with a prisoner identification card.

The League supports the prison system providing assistance to incarcerated individuals in transitioning to the free world. Helping prisoners to return to society by giving them a picture ID is important in their finding a job and also in exercising their right to vote. Providing a prisoner ID card would greatly enhance the ability of the prisoner to exercise his or her rights as a citizen. We appreciate the work of the Department of Corrections, the Secretary of State and the Legislature to make this legislation possible.

We urge the Committee to support HB 4074.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.