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Dear Wyoming House Members,

The League of Women Voters of Wyoming urges you to oppose HB222 - Public Meetings as written and to either defeat the measure or amend it (if necessary) to clarify the narrow circumstances that would require the closure of a State Loan and Investment Board meeting to the public.

You have received a letter addressing HB222 from various open government advocates. LWVWY joins in the message that the public should have notice and be able to attend meetings that are essential to their participation in their government. The public has an interest in hearing information and discussion that will inform a board's future decision, and exceptions should be very narrow.

In fact, the SLIB can find reasons for special and closed meetings in our Open Meetings Act. If the board believes the current list of exemptions is not sufficient, a proposed amendment may provide that by adding discussion of "confidential investment strategies."

Thank you.

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