



TESTIMONY
HB 676

House Human Services Committee
March 19, 2009

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports **HB 676** that addresses the expansion of the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 300% Federal Poverty Level.

With about 1.5 million children lacking insurance, the state has the highest rate of children without health coverage in the nation. Without health insurance families may delay or reject treatment or preventative care for their children. Expanding CHIP to 300% FPL would result in a substantial reduction in the number of uninsured children in Texas,

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 676**. Thank you.