

## **News From LWVIL Issues Committee: Healthcare And Lots of Bills Need Signing Too!**

**Healthcare:** Your local League leaders are receiving a toolkit to host "letter to the editor" writing parties locally about the need for affordable healthcare with broad coverage. The AHCA replacement bills for the Affordable Care Act are a step in the wrong direction for healthcare access and affordability. LWVIL is an active member of the Protect Our Care Illinois coalition and they suggest a number of local actions that can be taken now while the vote is pending on this legislation. Public education is key, so writing letters to the editor and to local Congressmen about your healthcare challenges and ways the ACA has helped your family and ways it can improve really resonate and educate. To learn more about the work being done, go to <https://protectourcareil.org/>.

### **Bills LWVIL Supports Are On The Governor's Desk:**

Please call the Governor's office and ask that he sign the bills LWVIL supports. The phone number to call is: 217.782.0244

This link takes you to the list

[http://www.lwvil.org/uploads/1/5/9/8/15985276/legislation\\_recap.pdf](http://www.lwvil.org/uploads/1/5/9/8/15985276/legislation_recap.pdf)

Go to the TFA page and share alerts on your social media pages, with your friends and other local advocacy groups. <http://www.lwvil.org/tfa-time-for-action.html> Thank you for all you do!

**Join the Issues Committee and Share Your Ideas!** Hilary Denk is honored to have been elected Vice President for issues during 2017-19 and is very pleased Heather Cunningham, a new LWVIL Board Member, will be helping lead the committee. The Committee is fortunate to have many long time specialists continuing and some new members joining as well, however we welcome additional members and suggestions too.

Contact Hilary Denk at [hdenk@lwvil.org](mailto:hdenk@lwvil.org). She would love to hear from you.