



League of Women Voters  
of the  
Greater Dayton Area

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS INVITES COMMUNITY TO JOIN

### “BIG HEALTH CARE BILL READ”

*Area citizens invited to read H.R. 3200 health care bill to get informed, proffer questions/concerns to legislators and share opinions*

**DAYTON, Ohio (Sept. 9, 2009)** – The League of Women Voters Greater Dayton Area recently announced the Big Health Care Bill Read inviting local residents to come together and read America’s Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009. The bill, currently undergoing review by the House of Representatives, consists of 1,018 pages.

People interested in joining the Big Health Care Bill Read should contact the League office at 228-4041. Advance reservations are necessary to join a team. Teams will be created according to where participants live, and each team will be assigned to read approximately 100 pages of the bill.

“The League promotes open discussion and exchange of ideas of substance, not chaos of misinformation and the overpowering of the opinions of others,” said Janis James, president of the board of League of Women Voters Greater Dayton Area. “The Big Health Care Bill Read fits perfectly with the League’s mission to advocate voter education and action on issues. Action should bubble up from thoughtful study, and this provides citizens that opportunity.”

The READ begins Sept. 14; teams will meet at 6 p.m. at Think TV, 110 S. Jefferson St., Dayton, to receive their respective sections of the bill. Team captains will monitor the BIG READ over a two-week period as volunteers review and log their questions, comments and concerns.

Experts will be available to answer questions about content, including: Attorney Gary Leppla, Leppla Associates; Labor Attorney John Doll, Doll Jansen and Ford; Allison Hoffman of Harvard Law; Bryan Bucklew of GDAHA; Ronald Fletcher, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Wright State University School of Medicine; and, Gene Rau of McGohan and Brabender.

Teams will return on Sept. 29 at 7:00 p.m. to Think TV to offer a synopsis of their section of the Bill along with questions and comments. Area media, civic groups and organizations will have an opportunity to review the list of questions. The League of Women Voters will submit comments and questions to regional legislators, and answers from legislators will be posted for the public and made available to the media for publication.

Based on a column by Mary McCarty on Aug. 27 in the *Dayton Daily News* in which the Big Health Care Bill Read was announced by the League of Women Voters, other communities are jumping on this concept to make citizens better informed to make educated decisions. Calls have come in from Boston, Mass.; Madison, Ind.; and Marion, Ohio.

Anyone wishing to independently read H.B. 3200 can visit reference sections of Dayton Public Libraries; Greene County Libraries; and Wright Memorial Public Library in Oakwood. Centerville/Washington Township libraries will help patrons access an online link to the Bill.

## **ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. Join us in making democracy work! [www.lwvdayton.org](http://www.lwvdayton.org)

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