

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking a stand

To the editor: The League of Women ! Voters believes presidential power should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance of power between executive and legislative branches of government. As such, presidential authority to declare a state of national emergency should be subject to regular congressional review with the power to terminate such emergencies at any time by concurrent resolution. This belief in balance is regardless of which political party occupies the White House or has the majority in Congress.

On Feb. 15, Virginia Kase, CEO of the LWVUS, wrote: "By declaring a state of emergency, the president abuses his national emergency powers and undermines Congressional authority.

... The American people expect the president to fulfill his executive responsibility for sound management of public funds, not sidestep Congress in order to ! force funding for a border wall that the American people have not sanct! ioned"

Across the country, the debate over declaring a national emergency to fund the wall has raged for months. The LWVHC commends those members of Congress who have recently put party aside to take a stand against the misuse of executive authority by committing to vote for the resolution to oppose the president's national emergency declaration.

Rachel Poller and Nan Jennings, co-presidents, League of Women Voters Henderson County

