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RE: HB25-1240 Protections for Tenants with Housing Subsidies—SUPPORT

Dear Members of the Business Affairs & Labor Committee:

My name is Kathy Smith, and I am a Volunteer Lobbyist with the League of Women Voters of Colorado's Legislative Action Committee. **I am writing in support of HB25-1240 on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Colorado.**

The League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) has been a nonpartisan organization for 105 years, encourages informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Our membership spans the state of Colorado with 18 local leagues operating in several regions around our state. The LWVCO supports policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for everyone and continued evaluation to provide a basis for revision and strengthening of all procedures so that equality of opportunity for access to housing can be accomplished.

HB25-1240 seeks to provide critical protections for tenants using housing subsidies. By making sure that tenants with housing subsidies can fully use their vouchers, this bill will play a key role in breaking the cycle of poverty.

LWVCO supported HB20-1332 (effective in 2021), which prohibits landlords from discriminating against tenants based on their source of income. Although that legislation was enacted, its enforcement has been inconsistent, and loopholes persist. HB25-1240 strengthens protections against discrimination and addresses loopholes.

Preventing evictions and removing barriers to housing for subsidy recipients not only enhances the lives of vulnerable Coloradans but also saves taxpayer money by decreasing reliance on emergency services, shelter systems, and public assistance programs.

We urge the committee members to vote YES on HB25-1240 to address housing challenges faced by tenants relying on subsidies. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Respectfully,
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