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RE: SCR25-001 Property Tax Exemption First Responders

Dear Members of the State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee:

My name is Janine Reid. I am a Volunteer Lobbyist with the League of Women Voters of Colorado's Legislative Action Committee. I am writing in opposition of SCR25-001 on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO).

The League of Women Voters has been a nonpartisan organization for 105 years. It encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Our membership in Colorado includes 20 local leagues operating in several regions around the state.

This resolution exempts a percentage of property tax from a first responder's home, depending on how long they served. It also exempts a percentage of property tax from a volunteer first responder

These exemptions apply to surviving spouses of first responders and volunteer first responders.

This measure would decrease property tax revenue by millions of dollars to local governments and would require state aid of over \$6 million the first year and more in subsequent years to backfill lost property tax revenue to school districts.

This measure does not consider the income of first responders and would make it less likely that Colorado would be funded adequately. We also think it would be an administrative nightmare for county assessors.

We urge the committee members to **vote NO on SCR25-001**. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
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