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HB24 1320 Educator Safety Task Force SUPPORT

Madam Chair and Members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Dr. Kathy Wilson. As Co-Director of Action & Advocacy for the League of Women Voters of Colorado, I am representing the League's over 2,300 members regarding HB24 1320 Educator Safety Task Force. As a nonpartisan organization the League encourages citizen participation in government through education and advocacy. The League's 19 local Leagues span the state. We urge you to vote in SUPPORT of HB24 1320.

The League of Women Voters of Colorado supports high-quality teaching and learning. To achieve that goal, schools must provide a safe environment for students and staff where learning can and does happen. We support policies and programs that promote the well-being, encourage the full development, and ensure the mental and physical safety of all children as outlined in this bill. The findings and recommendations of this Task Force should lead to the implementation of best practices in school safety procedures and a deeper understanding in what is needed to promote these practices in Colorado districts and schools. We would like to see the findings of the School Safety Task Force generate increased state funding to improve the safety through focused, proven approaches to school safety in Colorado schools.

Therefore, the League of Women Voters of Colorado urges you to vote YES on HB 1320 Educator Safety Task Force.

Thank you for your attention to this written testimony.

Respectfully,

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