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February 23, 2021

To: [Senate Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation Committee](#)

Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair

Senator Kim Thatcher, Vice Chair

Re: SB 575 – Juvenile Expunction Reform – Support

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has a position on Juvenile Justice that includes prevention of juvenile crimes, diversion programs, and services in the community in the least restrictive environment. The Juvenile Justice Information System is operated by the Oregon Youth Authority and the county Juvenile Departments. The statewide data system provides retrievable information while complying with right to privacy laws. Records exist in police and sheriff departments as well.

When a youth complies with informal or formal probation conditions, the case is closed within the data system. A youth may apply for expunction of records and records will be destroyed. Often, they do not apply for expunction and records may be available for employers, landlords, or financial institutions. If those records are available they can restrict the youth from progress into responsible adulthood.

The workgroup developed a bill that covers all legal possibilities and should be supported in order to allow youth to move on to responsible adulthood.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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