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January 30, 2025

To: [Representative Thuy Tran](#), Chair
[House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans](#)

Re: [HB 2341](#) – Add email addresses to data shared with the VA – **Support**

The League supports HB 2341 as responsible administration, by improving government economy and efficiency. It will enable email communications for service members and veterans from the Directors for Human Services, the Early Learning System, Transportation, and the Oregon Health Authority. These Directors are required to provide names and home addresses to the Veterans' Affairs Director. This bill would expand that sharing to include email addresses. Furthermore, based on our Privacy and Cybersecurity study and positions, we note that the protections of personal information would, in this case, be administered consistently for the home addresses and emails, not adding specific concerns.

This can provide faster communications with reduced cost, most probably in instances where the needs being addressed are time sensitive and expedited messaging could be a great benefit.

A Legislative Fiscal Office clarification: the bill only requires agencies to include the email and residential/ mailing address of service members and veterans to the Department of Veterans' Affairs when a service member or veteran uses specific services, the bill does not compel the agencies to use an email address for outreach.

The League submits that HB 2341 should actually reduce costs:

- emails cost less than postal mail for printing, postage and delivery
- staff processing time for emails is probably more efficient, adding labor savings.
- expedited communications may reduce cost by saving time generally.

We urge your support for HB 2341.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Lisa Bentson
President LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

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