



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON**

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June 7, 2017

To: [House Committee on Rules](#)
[Representative Jennifer Williamson](#), Chair

Re: [HB 3464](#) – Citizenship and immigration status privacy – **Support**

This bill is fundamentally a right to privacy. It repeatedly and comprehensively adheres to state and federal laws. It does not give benefits of citizenship to those who are not citizens. This bill calls for confidentiality in sharing personal information.

It is relevant to LWVOR for a number of reasons. We were invited to and attended quarterly regional meetings convened by ICE, DHS, TSA, the FBI, USCIS, immigrant groups, and others concerned with our current climate of incivility. Our initial impetus came from an elementary school teacher using the Oregon League's Civics Education curriculum for our Mock Elections program, used by students from elementary school through university and citizenship preparation classes. This 4th grade teacher said her students would hear "government", and think "ICE", the people who take their family members away. She was not able to teach them about voting rights in America because they were afraid and not receptive to learning. The League nationally has acted. We call on our LWVUS Social Policy, "Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice, and the health and safety of all Americans."

From Chris Carson, LWVUS President, January 31, 2017:

"The League of Women Voters is opposed to deportation of non-criminal undocumented immigrants. The League supports cities, towns, counties and states that make a decision not to cooperate with federal deportation and enforcement actions that include non-criminal undocumented immigrants. Moreover, the Trump Administration's orders are of dubious legality. It is simply wrong, and a perversion of the American system of justice, for the Executive Branch to refuse to obey federal court orders. The LWV is opposed to discrimination, including discrimination in immigration, based on religion. The Trump Administration's orders appear to be targeted at Muslims and immigrants from majority-Muslim nations."

At the crux of this concern is defining our treatment of non-citizens, of those who may be different in Oregon today, honoring the founding principles of our country, respecting the many immigrants who came here as most of us or our predecessors have. We urge your strong support.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.


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