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To: House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Jeff Barker, Chair
Representative Ann Lininger, Vice-Chair
Representative Andy Olson, Vice-Chair

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Re: HB 4075, Relating to the establishment of a statewide school tip line: SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters is a 95-year-old grassroots, nonpartisan, political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We strongly support violence prevention programs in all Oregon communities, both urban and rural, and appreciate the recommendations put forth by the Oregon School Safety Task Force to make our schools safer places for children. The Oregon State Police school tip line, one of the key recommendations of that Task Force, promises to be a valuable violence prevention tool.

Mass shootings and other acts of violence are becoming all too frequent in today's world. Schools, as places of gathering in every community, are particularly vulnerable locations. We believe that an anonymous tip line, available to all students and other members of the public, can be an effective source of information for law enforcement. We are pleased to see that the system will accept many forms of transmission, including telephone calls, text messaging, and electronic format through the internet.

The League urges a do-pass recommendation for HB 4075.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

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Gun Safety Portfolio