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February 17, 2025

To: Rep Kropf, Chair, House Committee On Judiciary

Re: HB 2710 – Child abduction victims be able to join the Address Confidentiality Program – Support

The League supports HB 2710, to enable child abduction victims to enroll in Oregon's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP). We support this based on our national position: the League supports policies and programs at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being, encourage the full development, and ensure the safety of all children. We also support this bill based on our state position that Government, individuals, and organizations (including the private sector and critical infrastructure), all require strong cybersecurity protections and effective deterrents to assure national security, economic and social stability, and personal information integrity. For background on this position, please see the League's 2020 study on Privacy and Security.

This free mail forwarding program helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, bias crimes or bias incidents, to shield their physical addresses from disclosure. We agree that including these children makes sense.

This bill's Legislative Counsel open government impact statement notes that standards have not been adopted "for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records." The League suggests that this bill provides an opportunity to call for clarification, during this legislative session.

We urge your support for HB 2710.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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