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Senator Steve Lathrop, Chair, and
Members of the Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Lincoln, NE

RE: LB 13 (Blood) Prohibit possession of a deadly weapon by the subject of a foreign protection order

Support

Dear Senator Lathrop and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports the public coordination of programs that emphasize the primary prevention of violence and believes that the government must take an active role in preventing violent behavior.

LB 13 provides Nebraska an avenue by which to recognize the validity of domestic or family abuse related protection orders issued by other governments. In Nebraska, 38% of women and 26% of men experience stalking or physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetimes. Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime, and a woman is five times more likely to be murdered if her abuser has access to a firearm. Perhaps one of the most common goals an abused person or family may pursue is to physically leave the relationship, although this itself can be dangerous. Children are most likely to be killed by parents or step-parents, especially as an act of revenge for separation following a prior history of domestic violence. Quite often relocation may entail crossing a state line, perhaps to stay with family or to make a fresh start. No matter where a protective order originated, it is beneficial to all Nebraskans that we recognize its validity and the potential danger of its dismissal.

Please advance LB 13 to General File for full floor debate. Thank you for considering our position and for all you do for Nebraska.

Sincerely,

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