



February 8, 2022

House Judiciary Committee  
Colorado General Assembly

**RE: HB22-1082 – Establish Fair Housing Unit Department of Law**

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Kathy Smith, and I am a member of the League of Women Voters of Colorado's Legislative Action Committee. **I am writing in support of HB22-1082, on behalf of the League's Legislative Action Committee.**

The League is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Our membership spans the state of Colorado with 19 local leagues operating in several regions of the state.

The League supports policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family, and measures that ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. We support creating a Fair Housing Unit within the Department of Law. The League has supported prior legislation to protect the housing rights of immigrants, mobile home owners, and tenants, in particular SB20-224, HB19-1309, HB20-1196, HB20-1201, and SB21-173, and we are pleased that enforcement of these laws will be extended to the Department of Law. We hope that the housing statutes included under the DOL Fair Housing Unit will expand over time.

We urge the committee members to vote YES on HB22-1082. Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Respectfully,  
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