



February 8, 2022

Senate Judiciary Committee
Colorado General Assembly

RE: SB22-019 – Access to Suppressed Court Eviction Records

Dear Members of the Senate 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 SB22-019, 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 measures that strengthen procedures so that equality of opportunity for access to housing can be accomplished. The League supported HB20-1009 (Suppressing Court Records of Eviction Proceedings) to allow people to defend their rights without fear of creating a court record because an eviction filing is not the same as an eviction, may not accurately reflect a tenant's history, and should not be used to deny someone housing.

SB22-019 will permit an attorney to access the suppressed eviction record for the purpose of providing legal advice or entering an appearance on behalf of a party included in the suppressed record. This additional access does not compromise the original intent of suppression of the eviction record.

We urge the committee members to vote YES on SB22-019. Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Respectfully,
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