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Testimony in support of LB 394 (Morfeld)

Chairman Ebke and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The League of Women Voters strongly supports LB 394. The League supported passage of the Violence Against Women Act as part of the comprehensive crime bill passed by Congress in 1994.

The League also supports “preventive programs in all communities and other actions,” including “the active role of government and social institutions in preventing violent behavior.”

LB 394 presents a specific initiative to increase public safety, specifically the safety of persons (mainly women) who have domestic violence protection orders against a partner. We have all read too many news stories of persons restrained by a domestic violence protection order who still subsequently murder their partners. Nebraska must have stronger laws that protect endangered persons under such conditions.

This is an important bill. We urge you to support the bill, advance it to General File and support it in debate by the entire body.

Sincerely,

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