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TESTIMONY: H.3360
BEFORE THE JOINT K-12 SUBCOMMITTEE & PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
HOUSE EDUCATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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South Carolina schools have been plagued by increasing incidents of violence and threats of violence in the past year (Jameson, 2022).

The League of Women Voters of the United States has a long-established policy of support for violence prevention programs in all communities, including:

- *Public and private development and coordination of programs that emphasize the primary prevention of violence.*
- *The active role of government and social institutions in preventing violent behavior.*
- *The allocation of public monies in government programs to prevent violence.*

Therefore, the League of Women Voters of South Carolina encourages you to vote in favor of H.3360, which establishes The Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence within the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to provide training and education on school safety and targeted violence for law enforcement officers, school personnel, and parents.

Jameson, S. (2022, August 26). "Teachers and staff are not okay": SC coalition releases safety agenda addressing violence. WLOS (WACH). <https://wlos.com/news/local/teachers-and-staff-are-not-okay-sc-coalition-releases-safety-agenda-addressing-violence>

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