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Senator Ashford and Members of the Committee:

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The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports the abolition of sentencing child offenders to life in prison without possibility of parole.

The differences between childhood and adulthood are recognized throughout the world and are incorporated in international human rights documents. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child expressly forbids life imprisonment for offenses committed by persons below 18 years of age. The United Nations Human Rights Committee has confirmed that the United States is violating its legal obligations whenever a child offender is given a sentence of life without parole.

The League of Women Voters supports full and active participation of the United States in the United Nations system, including UN efforts to ensure respect for human rights and promoting the well-being and potential of children. To that end, the League supports efforts to end sentencing child offenders to life in prison without possibility of parole. We urge this committee to send LB 307 to the floor for full debate.



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