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Hi,

This email is going to all League Presidents in the hopes of this proposal receiving a hearing at your Program Planning meeting.

The LWV Columbia-Boone County has proposed a study of a Department of Peace. The current legislative proposal, HR808, would have a major focus on reduction of violence within the U.S. and another on international armed conflicts.

The two documents with links are:

- 1) [a draft of a short statement](#) to be sent to LWVUS which will be considered, and likely with minor modifications, passed at our local Program Planning meeting on Jan.19.
- 2) [a 16 page analysis](#) of several aspects related to a Department of Peace. This was developed over the last year by a committee of 20 volunteers from Leagues from Alaska to Rhode Island. It addresses many aspects of the proposal but likely will not answer all of the possible questions. Perhaps you could forward this to a member you think might wish to advocate such a study at your Program Planning meeting.

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Thank you for getting this to your Program Planning meeting.

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