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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

Dear Representative

I urge you to endorse, co-sponsor and vote for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) resolutions. The first ERA House Joint Resolution (H.J. Res. 51) is re-introduced by lead sponsor Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA). The ERA Resolution is proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution relative to equal rights for women and men. This legislation requires the House of Representatives to take action necessary to verify the ratification of the original 1972 ERA as part of the Constitution when the legislatures of an additional three more states ratify the Amendment. This brings the total to the required 38 states to fully ratify, thus removing the arbitrary deadline that prevents the ERA from becoming part of the Constitution.

The second ERA House Joint Resolution (H.J. Res. 52) is similar to the original ERA Amendment first entered into Congress in 1923. The lead sponsor is Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY). This ERA Resolution proposes an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and requires passage again by two-thirds of each house of Congress with ratification by legislatures of three-fourths of the several States.

Some have stated the opinion; the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution does not include legal protection for women on the basis of gender. We are long overdue for a constitutional amendment explicitly stating women's rights in the United States.

We need to have an Equal Rights Amendment in the Constitution to prevent loss of our rights and to guarantee women and men equal status under the law which 88% of Americans support. Join with us and the majority of the people in our country for justice and equality for all which is the American ideal.

I will strongly support and vote for legislators and legislation in favor of these rights and greatly oppose legislators and legislation against these rights. Thank you for your support. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,