

Take Action Now on the ERA- 3 State Strategy

Sample script for telephone call/fax and/or emails to your Congressional Delegation in Washington DC:

Feel free to use your own words and personalize it by mentioning that you are a mother, working woman, student, etc. and/or member of __ (your specific organization) _____.

When you call, ask to speak with their Legislative Director. You may also leave the message on their voicemails.

(Note: Senators Heinrich and Udall and Representative Lujan Grisham are already co-sponsors. The Senate Joint Resolution is S J Res 15.)

US Congress member-----Legislative Director---Phone/Fax-----email contact page

Representative Ben Ray Lujan-----Andrew Jones----- 202 225-6190/202 226-1528---
lujan.house.gov/contact

Representative Steve Pearce-----Patrick Cuff----- 202 225-2365/202 225-9599----
pearce.house.gov/contact

This is _____ (Your Name) _____. I live at _____ (Address or zip code) _____
and am a constituent of Representative _____.

Resolution have been introduced in both the House and the Senate to remove the deadline for ratification of the ERA so that it will become part of our Constitution once 3 more states have ratified it. In the House the resolution is **H J Res 113**, sponsored by Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

I'd like to urge Representative _____ to sign on as a co-sponsor of House Joint Resolution 113 as soon as possible so that we can move forward to guarantee all women in this country equal justice under the law, as all men already are. Please convey this message to him.

Thank you very much for your attention and support.

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Quick facts about the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

Complete Text of ERA: Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was passed by Congress in 1972 and sent to the states for ratification. It was approved by 35 of the necessary 38 state legislatures. Despite an extension of the ratification deadline from 1979 to 1982, organized opposition prevented any more states from ratifying it.. Every year since 1982 the ERA has been introduced in the House and the Senate but it has never again been voted on by Congress. In 2012 resolutions were introduced in the House and the Senate to do away with the deadline for ratification so that the effort may proceed to get the last three states needed to ratify it (the 3-state strategy). Once the three states ratify it, it will become part of our Constitution and the law of the land. The 2013 3-state strategy ERA resolutions are S J Res 15 introduced by Senators Ben Cardin and Mark Kirk and H J Res 43 introduced by Representative Rob Andrews.

National polls have shown that well over 90% of US adults believe that male and female citizens should have equal rights affirmed by the Constitution. In fact, over 70% of those polled assumed that the Constitution already includes such a guarantee.

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