We Need Illinois To Ratify The E.R.A. (Equal Rights Amendment) Now!

Call your Illinois House Representative today at 217-782-2000 and ask them to vote for SJRCA4 to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

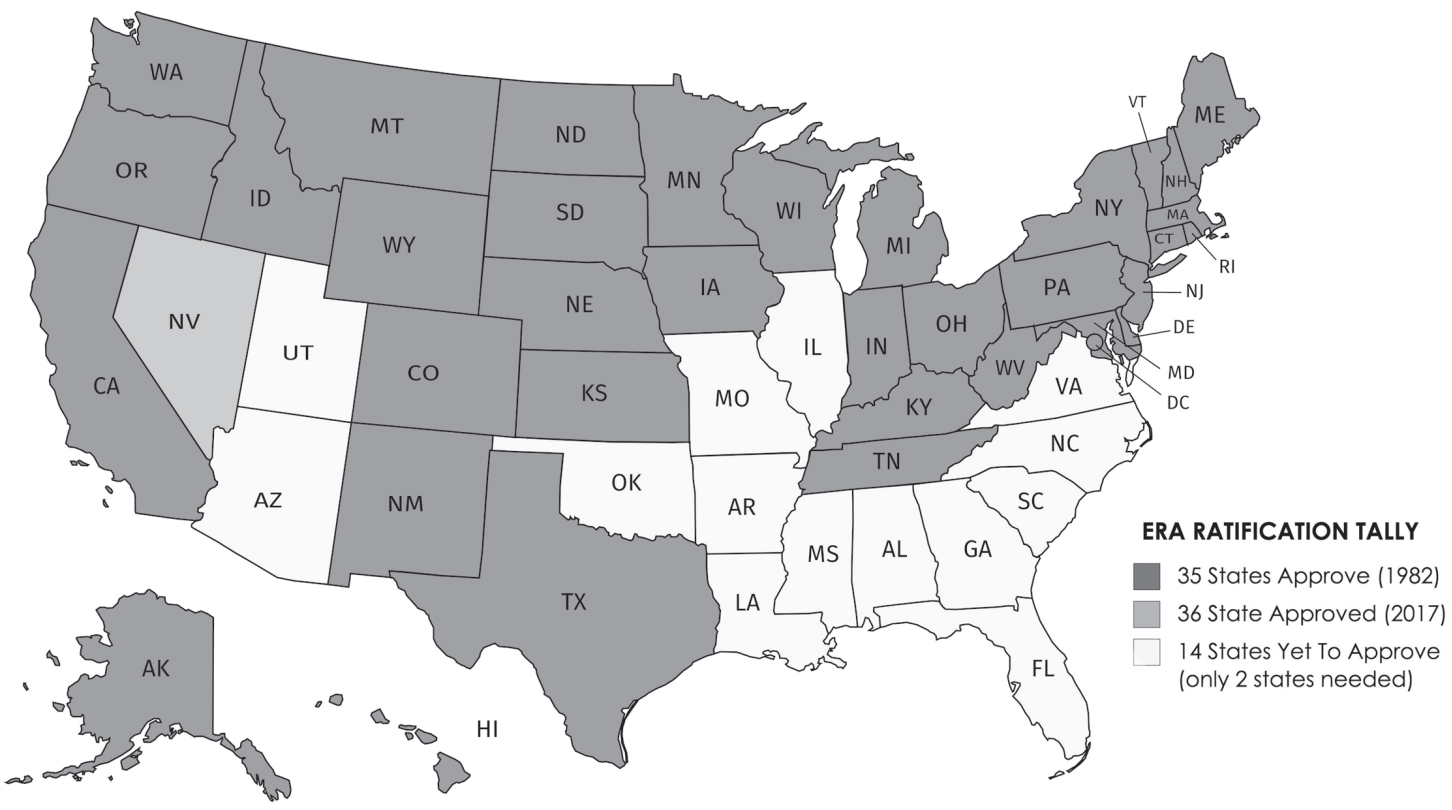
DID YOU KNOW NOT ALL AMERICANS ARE EQUAL UNDER THE LAW?

96% of Americans believe that men and women are equal.
80% think equality between the sexes is already guaranteed by the Constitution.
IT ISN'T.

Originally introduced by the Republican Party in 1923 and put in the party platform in 1940, the bi-partisan Equal Rights Amendment is a simple 24-word statement affirming equality between the sexes:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

In order to be added to the Constitution, 38 states need to ratify. Only 36 states have ratified as of 2017. Illinois still has not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment.



Where The E.R.A. Could Help Today:

- Female Poverty and the Gender Pay Gap: The ERA would ensure that employers could not relegate women to lower pay for doing the exact same job as men.
- Domestic Violence: The ERA would ensure that police departments could no longer choose whether or not to protect a woman from domestic violence, and would be compelled to enforce restraining orders.
- Rape and Sexual Assault: The ERA would compel police departments to test evidence in rape cases, instead of the current relegation of evidence into years-long backlogs.
- Pregnancy Discrimination: The ERA would bring the U.S. to the same standard as every other nation in the industrialized world by offering guaranteed paid family leave.
- Healthcare: The ERA would ensure women and girls are not prevented from an education or stripped of their dignity due to inability to pay for sanitary products.

Without the E.R.A., advances in gender equality can be weakened or reversed by a simple majority vote in Congress. Basic civil and human rights for women from one generation to the next should be guaranteed. Passing the E.R.A. would send a powerful message, both at home and abroad, that the United States does not tolerate sex discrimination.

Our daughters deserve better.
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For more information on the ERA, visit:
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