

# **Contact Senate Judiciary Committee**

At the end of January, two identical resolutions were introduced in Congress, H.J.Res.25 and S.J.Res.4, to affirm the validity of the Equal Rights Amendment ("ERA") as the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

Specifically, the resolutions provide:

Notwithstanding any time limit contained in House Joint Resolution 208, 92d Congress, as agreed to in the Senate on March 22, 1972, the article of amendment proposed to the States in that joint resolution is valid to all intents and purposes as part of the United States Constitution having been ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States.

The resolutions are intended to affirm that the ERA is valid and currently the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment, as well as urge its immediate publication, which has been blocked by the Trump and Biden Administrations. By affirming the validity of the ERA, the resolutions are intended to remove any doubt cast by opponents of equality for all and reproductive rights, who argue that the ERA is invalid due to arbitrary deadline contained in the preamble to the proposed Amendment.

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the ERA, which we attended. Clearly, opponents of the ERA are concerned that the ERA will protect reproductive rights and guarantee equality for women, girls and LGBTQIA+ people! <u>See for yourselves</u>. Fearmongering at its worst.

While the hearing was taking place, the Court issued its decision in *Illinois v. Ferrerio*, ruling that the ratifying states did not establish the US Archivist's duty to publish was "clear and indisputable" or that the US Archivist was "clearly wrong," due to the existence of the arbitrary deadline in the proposing clause of the ERA.

While the Court's decision was disappointing, it did not rule that the deadline is valid or that the ERA could not be published! Simply that the plaintiffs could not meet the nearly impossible standard applied to compel publication.

The Court's decision and the heightened, seemingly insurmountable burden of proof applied to proponents of equality, solely as a result of the unlawful interference by the Trump and Biden Administrations with the constitutional amendment process, make publication of the ERA critical to establishing the validity of the ERA and equality for more than half of Americans.

We need your help getting the ERA over the finish line, guaranteeing equality for all and protecting reproductive rights! Here is what you can do:

- Email and call each of the Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee;
- Write on the Contact Pages of the Members;



- Post the letter you send on the social media of each Member; and
- Share this with others and ask them to help.

<u>EMAIL/CALL SENATORS</u> – please email each of the Senators at the addresses below. A sample letter may be found <u>HERE</u>. You may use the letter or tailor it as you see fit. The key is to express the need for the Senators to make it abundantly clear that the ERA is the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment and should be published and that S.J.Res. 4 is designed to urge publication and remove any doubt cast upon the ERA's validity by the opponents of equality and reproductive rights.

Follow up with a call to each office/staff member emailed stating "Has the Senator read my letter, emailed to [name of staff] and placed on the Senator's contact page, regarding the Equal Rights Amendment?" If you do not get confirmation, email it again and call the next day. When you get confirmation, please let us know immediately. <a href="mailto:nvbates@shatteringglass.org">nvbates@shatteringglass.org</a>.

#### SUBMIT LETTER TO EACH SENATOR'S CONTACT PAGE:

The links for each Senator's contact page is below. Please submit the letter you emailed on the Senator's contact page as well.

#### **FACEBOOK POSTS TO COMMITTEE AND SENATORS:**

Copy the text of the letter and place it on the Facebook pages of the each of the Senators below in comments under their posts.

#### TWEET THE COMMITTEE AND SENATORS

Please tweet and include the Committee and Senators. You may include links to recent media coverage as well (see below) Sample tweets are below. Make sure you tag something that is trending, like #TrumpArraignment. You also can retweet/like @Shatterin\_Glass tweets.

# Examples:

@JudiciaryDems The #EqualRightsAmendment has been ratified & should be published as the 28th Amendment. Urge @potus to get it done! SJRES4 is to remove all doubt, cast by opponents of #EqualityForAll and repro rights, that the ERA is valid and in effect. #TrumpArraignment 1/2



2/2 @FeinsteinSenate @AlexPadilla4CA @SenBlumenthal @ChrisCoons @maziehirono @SenatorDurbin @SenatorCardin @SenAmyKlobuchar @amyklobuchar @SenBooker @SenSchumer @Senwhitehouse @PeterWelch @ossoff @SenOssoff

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The #EqualRightsAmendment has been duly ratified and should be published now as the 28th Amendment. Women, girls and LGBTQ+ people have never needed it more. #RatifiedAndReady We need your help to get it over the finish line. See how you can help. <a href="https://www.shatteringglass.org/takeaction">https://www.shatteringglass.org/takeaction</a>



#### **RECENT ARTICLES FOR USE ON SOCIAL MEDIA:**

- USA Today 10/1/22 <u>"Remind me why the Biden administration is in court</u> fighting publication of the ERA?"
- Women's eNews 11/6/22 "President Biden: Why Won't You Publish the Equal Rights Amendment?"
- Maura Casey, Author and NYT Editorial Board 12/17/22 "Publish ERA, let skirmishes begin."
- Don Wilson (former US Archivist) and Lisa Sales 12/20/22 "Stop Making Women's Equality a Political Question Mark"
- CBS News 3/31/23 "<u>The Equal Rights Amendment is Stalled, will it ever</u> Become Law?"

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