

**URGENT MEMO: 4/22/22** 

# 167 Million Women & Girls need your help right now!

We urge you to contact the President and Vice President today so they hear your support.

#### Activists:

The Biden/Harris Administration campaigned hard on its support for women and the LGBTQ+ community, and they responded by campaigning and voting for them and donating in droves. "The Biden Agenda for Women" specifically acknowledged that Equal Rights Amendment has been ratified.

Sadly, the Biden/Harris Administration has yet to publish the ERA as the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment or rescind the Trump Administration's legally insignificant memorandum blocking the publication of the ERA as the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Even worse, the Biden/Harris Administration is continuing to fight against the ERA in Court!

Time for the Biden/Harris Administration to live up to its oath "to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." The failure to do so is an abuse of power negatively impacting 167 million women and girls - and the polar opposite of what they promised!

There is a huge grassroots effort as well as political pressure being placed on the Biden/Harris Administration, but we are running out of time. The Archivist retires mere days from now on April 28<sup>th</sup>!

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!

We must put pressure on the White House to get this over the finish line! The ERA is currently and already the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Its publication – a simple ministerial act – is the only thing that could put an end to the baseless attacks against women, bodily autonomy and the LGBTQ+ community!

### TO HELP, PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES RIGHT NOW AND:

- ✓ EMAIL PRESIDENT BIDEN sample email below
- ✓ EMAIL VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS sample email below



✓ POST FACEBOOK POSTS ON THE BIDEN/HARRIS ADMINISTRATION PAGE –sample post below

**TO EMAIL PRESIDENT BIDEN** – please email President Biden <u>here</u>. Below is a sample letter to copy and paste or you can create your own. Please email every day from now until 4/29.

### Sample Email Letter to President Biden

The Equal Rights Amendment ("ERA") is currently the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to our Constitution, but the Archivist has yet to publish it.

Countless constitutional scholars, including Honorable Russ Feingold, former Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Constitution Subcommittee, state that the ERA is currently the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment and nothing is stopping the Archivist from publishing the ERA as required by law. However, the Archivist will not do so without direction from you.

The "Biden Agenda for Women" notes that, on January 27, 2020, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the ERA, and you campaigned hard on your alleged support for women and the LGBTQ+ community. They responded by donating, campaigning and voting for you at unprecedented levels.

Yet here we are today. The 28th Amendment took effect on January 27, 2022, and you have not directed publication and your Administration continues to fight against the ERA in Court.

As recently noted by Secretary of State Blinken "Countries are more secure, peaceful and prosperous when people of all genders can participate fully and equitable in every sphere of public life . . . And countries with high levels of gender equality have stronger and more resilient democracies."

Our fragile democracy is in peril. Women and the LGBTQ+ community are under attack across our country. Rolling back decades of advances. The immediate publication of the ERA could save Roe v. Wade and stop the hateful legislation that is being enacted against women and the LGBTQ+ community.

Moreover, gender equality is a basic human right. We rightfully are fighting for democracy and human rights in the Ukraine, and we must do so here at home.

We demand that you live up to your oath "to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States" and direct the Archivist to publish the 28th Amendment immediately. And the failure to do so is contrary to your campaign



promises and your continued press releases pledging unfailing support for women and the LGBTQ+ community!

**TO EMAIL VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS** – please email Vice President Harris <u>here</u>. Here are two sample notes to copy and paste or you can create your own.

## Sample Email Letter to Vice President Harris

The Equal Rights Amendment ("ERA") is the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to our Constitution, but the Archivist has not published because your Administration is actively fighting against it in Court.

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# SUGGESTED FACEBOOK POSTS DIRECTED TO THE BIDEN/HARRIS ADMINISTRATION

Copy the text of the letters to the President and Vice President and post in the comments under their Facebook posts. You can also paste in comments on Jill Biden's Facebook posts. Or, just post something short and sweet. Here are their pages:

President Biden: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/POTUS">https://www.facebook.com/POTUS</a>

Vice President Harris: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VicePresident">https://www.facebook.com/VicePresident</a>

First Lady Jill Biden: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FLOTUS">https://www.facebook.com/FLOTUS</a>