



When the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was first introduced, it wasn't ratified, making protections against sexual discrimination under the Constitution incomplete for more than forty years.<sup>1</sup> Since then we've also seen federal courts shift into right-wing anti-choice hands and attacks on our right to legal abortion guaranteed under *Roe v. Wade* multiply.<sup>2,3</sup>

In order to protect our reproductive freedom today it's essential we pass the newly re-introduced bill to ratify the ERA. With its ratification, the ERA would reinforce the constitutional right to abortion by clarifying that the sexes have equal rights, which would require judges to strike down anti-abortion laws because they violate both the constitutional right to privacy and sexual equality.<sup>4,5</sup>

**[Without reproductive freedom, we are not truly free. Add your name in support of the ERA now!](#)**

It's past time that all Americans have the right, enshrined in our Constitution, to pursue our destinies free from discrimination based on sex. Now, the ERA has been re-introduced by Rep. Carolyn Maloney, and we have a new opportunity to ensure women will be treated equally under the law.<sup>6</sup> Without bodily autonomy, we are not fully free to participate in the workforce, fulfill our educational aspirations; or determine if, when, and how to begin or grow a family. **And there's no plainer truth than this: We deserve to be fully equal citizens under the Constitution.**

**[Join us in advocating for the passage of the ERA to help protect our rights and the rights of generations to come. Add your name!](#)**

Thank you for all you do for reproductive freedom,  
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