

Equal Rights Amendment:

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

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Don't believe the lie! Oppose the ERA

Dear State Representative [REDACTED]

The so-called "Equal Rights Amendment" (ERA) purports to elevate women through a constitutional declaration, but in reality, it is only a trojan horse. The ERA would bring many unintended consequences, including potentially forcing taxpayers to fund abortions on demand, ensuring men's access to women-only facilities, and forcing our 18-year-old daughters to register for the draft.

Certainly the Constitution does not require discrimination on the basis of sex. The only issue is whether it prohibits it. It doesn't.

- Justice Scalia

Source: tinyurl.com/FOXScalia

This now-moot Amendment is nothing more than an attempt to further the false narrative that there is a "war on women" in this country. Passing the ERA would be declaring that women are somehow not already equal under the law and the Constitution. We must reject that notion because women ARE already equal.

While surely there exist inequities at various times and places for women, the ERA is not the right way to address these. It would only create more problems.

In the true interests of women in Virginia, I urge you to reject the "ERA."

Sincerely,

Amendments provide greater security for gender equality than laws, like the Lilly Ledbetter Equal Pay Act, which can be easily repealed by a simple majority vote in Congress.