

Dear Sir,

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I would appreciate it very much if you would send to me a copy of the E.R.A. amendment, along with your views and views of people you have heard from on this project.

I need this information for a term paper. So I would appreciate this material, as soon as, possible.

I thank you and your office very much for your time and consideration.

Thank you
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Dear Rich:

Your recently wrote my office asking that I express my views on the Equal Rights Amendment. I should tell you at the outset that I voted against the resolution which adopted the ERA, because I believed that sufficient laws were already in place to meet the objectives that many women's rights groups sought. I retain that view, and do believe that passage of the ERA could lead to some very undesirable but presently unforeseen results.

Since you did mention in your letter that you need to get background information on the legislation, I would suggest that you contact the League of Women Voters. Their national office is located at 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. I know that that organization has put out a great deal of information on this very important issues.

I should stress, Rich, that my vote against the ERA was in no way intended to reflect any view about the concept of equal pay for equal work. I do believe that women should be given every opportunity for career advancement and that they should be encouraged at all stages of their education to make the best use of their own abilities. I should point out that for several years I have had young women who are attorneys serving on my staff as legislative assistants, and that other professional women do serve me very effectively on the staff.

I hope this information will be helpful to you. Good luck with your paper!

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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