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To the Honorable Senator
Cliff Hansen.
Dear Sir:

On behalf of myself and the many other concerned women in Thermopolis, we ask you to please do everything in your power to prevent the E.R.A. from being passed. We do not approve of it, and think it very harmful to women's legal rights and moral obligations in family living. We feel it is a bad thing for our Country, and hope you will see it as we do.

Thanking you for your help in past matters.
May God bless and guide you daily.

Sincerely

Mrs Hugh Stout

Box 1265

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December 15, 1975

Mrs. Hugh Stout
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Dear Mrs. Stout:

I quite agree with the position you've taken on the Equal Rights Amendment, but I'm afraid that action on this amendment to the Constitution is now beyond the control of Congress.

The ERA was passed by Congress in 1972, and it is now in the process of being ratified by the states, a procedure outlined in the Constitution. You might be interested to know that I voted against it when it came up on the floor of the Senate for action. Because it is a proposed amendment, it must be ratified by three-fourths of the states before it becomes effective. To date, 34 states have approved the ERA, including Wyoming, whose Legislature ratified it on January 24, 1973. A total of 38 states must ratify it before it becomes part of the Constitution.

So, I have done all that I can to prevent the Equal Rights Amendment from being passed. I can certainly appreciate your concern, but the future of the ERA is now in the hands of the remaining state legislatures. I'm grateful that you took the time to share your opinion with me.

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Hansen
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