



Dear Senator _____:

I am contacting you to request your co-sponsorship of S. J. Res. 39, “Removing the Deadline for the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.” United 4 Equality, LLC, proposed this exciting, new legislation on behalf of a growing coalition to ratify the ERA today. It is our hope that Congress will seize this opportunity to lead a global movement for the sovereignty of women and girls first in the U.S. and then worldwide.

On March 22, 2012, Senator Ben Cardin (MD) introduced S. J. Res. 39, marking the 40th Anniversary of the ERA's proposal to the states for ratification in 1972. Representative Tammy Baldwin (WI) introduced the companion bill, H. J. Res. 47 on the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day, March 8, 2011.

Though ***Equality and Justice for All*** hangs above our Highest Court, females in the United States remain 2nd class citizens under the U.S. Constitution. Freedom drove our nation to greatness and will drive our economic recovery. Women and girls cannot embrace the future imprisoned by 18th Century law and custom. And America cannot win without a level playing field for all of its citizens.

Dr. Alice Paul, a Republican with two doctoral degrees in Civil Law and Economics authored the Equal Rights Amendment 90 years ago. Dr. Paul recognized the imperative of establishing legal equality for men and women in order for society to prosper. Were 354 Representatives, 84 Senators and 35 states all wrong when they voted for Dr. Paul's ERA from 1972 - 1977? Of course not, so we ask that the 112th Congress eliminate the deadline and send a clear message of support for the remaining three states to ratify the ERA today.

I urge you to stand among the leaders in Congress by co-sponsoring S. J. Res. 39 and take a ringside seat as we bring the final three states onboard for the ERA by 2015.

Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this important matter. Our coalition will keep an eye out for your sign-on and follow up with your Legislative Director in two weeks.

Thank you,

_____ (Name)

_____ (City, State)