

Testimony in opposition

LD 1412: RESOLUTION, Proposing Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Establishing That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under The Law

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Maine Right to Life supports equal political rights, where both male and female citizens shall enjoy equally all civil, political, and religious privileges. We are Pro-Life, Pro-Active, and Pro-Women . Our members share a belief that women were created uniquely different than men to fulfill a very important role in mankind. Women have a womb. They bring new life into the world. They are to be honored, respected, and protected.

ERA Ratification goes too far and isn't necessary. [The Equal Pay Act of 1963](#), [The Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, the [Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972](#), [The 14th Amendment to the US Constitution](#), [Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972](#), are laws already in place to protect women. ERA ratification hurts women – it jeopardizes their unique needs and physical biological differences resulting in the stripping of gender roles. This will impact alimony, child custody, sexual assault protection, and lead to single sex bathrooms, increased taxpayer funded abortions, and the forced military draft of women.

Equal rights sounds so fair and equitable. Members of this committee – don't be fooled. This will hurt biological women – it is discriminatory against biological women. Not only does it displace the traditional role of women, it degrades motherhood, and it gives biological women an uneven and disadvantaged playing field – most recently displayed when men identifying as women have hijacked women's sports. It also puts biological women at risk when biological men identify as women are admitted into locker rooms, shelters, and the like.

For the protection of all women – living and unborn, I humbly ask this committee to vote no on this proposed resolution.

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