

Testimony for The ERA 3/4/2025

43 years ago, I remember talking with my mom about the Equal Rights Amendment and she kind of chuckled as she was born in 1930, and this was 1982. She was still living by the idea that women were better off with men being in the bread winner.

The next summer when I came home to visit, she wanted to know more about this ERA thing. She was very upset! It seemed that a male nurse had just been hired, and he was going to make more than she did after seventeen years as a nurse and a head nurse.

Together we got that corrected, I am a Social Worker who was a policy wonk and a community organizer at that time.

She came to live with me September 22, 2023, for her final days which was January 18th this year.

While she lived with me I have been involved with the Maine Women's Lobby, to do what I could to try to get the ERA passed here in Maine. I am very sad that after 43 years my mom passed away still looking for the full equality that she had earned

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