

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEAT THE UN=EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT
AND TO PROMOTE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

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Dear Congressman Sumners:

The organizations listed below are opposed to adding the so-called Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the reasons outlined in the enclosed pamphlet. We have already sent you a digest of the laws in your state that would be affected by the passage of such an Amendment, but have hesitated to bother you with personal visits because of the great pressure of important international legislation on the calendar. However, we are extremely anxious to have the issues in the matter made clear and if you need any further information one of our members will be glad to call on you.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret J. Stone
(Mrs. J. Austin Stone)
Secretary

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ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS OF AMERICA	GLASS BOTTLE BLOWERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA	NATIONAL WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE OF AMERICA
AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION	INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE U A W AUXILIARY	SERVICE STAR LEGION, INC.
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF HOSIERY WORKERS	INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS' UNION	STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL WORKERS OF AMERICA
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR	INTERNATIONAL UNION UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AIRCRAFT, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA, C.I.O.	THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	LEAGUE OF WOMEN SHOPPERS, INC.	UNION FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES OF LABOR	NATIONAL CONSUMERS LEAGUE	UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO & MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO
BROTHERHOOD OF BOILERMAKERS, IRON SHIP BUILDERS & HELPERS UNION	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN	UNITED FEDERAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, C.I.O.
BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN AND ENGINEMEN	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN	UNITED HATTERS, CAP AND MILLINERY WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN	UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, C.I.O.
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY AND STEAMSHIP CLERKS, FREIGHT HANDLERS, EXPRESS AND STATION EMPLOYEES	NATIONAL FARMERS UNION	UNITED PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS OF AMERICA
CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS	NATIONAL FEDERATION OF POST OFFICE CLERKS	UNITED RUBBER WORKERS OF AMERICA, C. I. O.
CONGRESS OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES OF THE C.I.O.	NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SETTLEMENTS, INC.	WOMEN'S NATIONAL HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL FRATERNITY
FOOD, TOBACCO, AGRICULTURAL AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA	NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS	
GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES	NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY	

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Honorable Hatton W. Sumners, Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Sumners:

The organizations listed below prepared with great care the briefs submitted to the House Judiciary Committee for the written record on the Equal Rights Amendment. They were, accordingly, greatly surprised when the Judiciary Committee voted to report the Amendment favorably before the testimony, for and against, was even printed. Of course, we realize that the Committee has held oral hearings several times in the past, and is familiar with most of the evidence on both sides. However, our legal brief, prepared by Mr. Marvin Harrison of Ohio, contained new material in connection with the effect of the Amendment, if passed, on the social security legislation, and we feel that the members of the Judiciary Committee should have had this information before making their decision.

The question of the effect of an Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution is so controversial that we earnestly hope it will not be considered by the House until the end of the war with Japan, when there will be the maximum number of voters in this country.

Yours sincerely,

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The so-called Equal Rights Amendment

WON'T Give You a Job

If the employer prefers to hire a man.

WON'T Give You Equal Pay

One way to get equal pay is through state laws. Five states already have such laws.

WON'T Bring Patients to the Woman Physician

Those persons who prefer a man physician won't be affected in their prejudices by this Amendment.

WON'T Bring Clients to the Woman Lawyer

No law can make a person take his case to a woman lawyer if he prefers a man.

WON'T Bring You More Business or Equal Opportunity for Promotion

Competition in the labor market will be just the same.

The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

"Congress and the several States shall have power within their respective jurisdictions, to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

"This amendment shall take effect three years after the date of ratification."

READ IT CAREFULLY

and you will see that:

1. It is not practical, because it deals with abstract rights—not real rights. Most of the existing discriminations are matters of tradition and custom, not law.
2. It is vague and legally unsound, and would lead to endless confusion.
Wherever the legal status in regard to civil matters differs for men and women in State or Federal legislation, great confusion would arise as to what standards to adopt, whether those for men or for women.
3. It is unnecessary.
It can accomplish nothing that is not already being done!
4. It is misleading, and therefore dangerous, because it masquerades as a progressive measure, whereas it would actually destroy progress toward equal rights, and would undermine the foundations of family life.

This Dangerous Amendment

WOULD Imperil Family Support

In the name of a spurious "equality" it would either deprive the wife of the right to support from her husband or give the husband an equal right to be supported by his wife.

WOULD Deprive Widows of Protection

These provisions would be threatened: (1) Social Security benefits for widows; (2) support allowances during the settlement of the husband's estate; (3) possession of the family home free from creditors' claims.

WOULD Wipe Out—

1. State Minimum-Wage Laws for women.
2. Women's Hour Laws.
3. All other special legislation for women.

WOULD Prohibit the Enactment of any kind of special legis- lation for women, no mat- ter how imperative such legislation might be.

WRITE TO THE ADDRESS ON THIS CIRCULAR FOR INFORMATION AS TO WHAT LAWS IN YOUR STATE WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY PASSAGE OF THE SO-CALLED EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT



**Let Us Promote Equal Opportunities
This Way:**

REMOVE DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST WOMEN BY
SPECIFIC BILLS FOR SPECIFIC ILLS IN EACH STATE

Some of the differences in treatment of men and women under state laws are for the benefit of the family, while others are advantageous to working women. A few are definitely discriminatory.

You can remove the discriminations against women now in your state laws if you will insist that your legislature change these few laws. In this way, you will preserve the benefits to the family while, at the same time, you will be eliminating legal discriminations.

Write to the address given below to find out who heads the committee for this purpose in your state.

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**We OPPOSE the Equal Rights
Amendments**

The Committee to Defeat the Un-Equal Rights Amendment has been organized to coordinate the widespread opposition to this Amendment. Headquarters are in Washington at 1707 H St., N.W., Chairman, Mrs. Thomas F. McAllister; Treasurer, Miss Mary Anderson; Secretary, Mrs. J. Austin Stone.

These national organizations are opposed to the Amendment:

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America	National Council of Catholic Women
American Federation of Labor	National Council of Jewish Women
American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor	National Council of Negro Women
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen	National Farmers Union
Congress of Industrial Organizations	National Federation of Settlements, Inc.
Congress of Women's Auxiliaries of the C. I. O.	National League of Women Voters
Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers Union of America	National Maritime Union, Women's Auxiliary
Girls' Friendly Society of the United States	National Women's Trade Union League of America
International Coordinating Committee U A W Auxiliary	Service Star Legion, Inc.
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union	The National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States of America
International Union United Automobile, Aircraft, Agricultural Implement Workers of America, C. I. O.	Union for Democratic Action
League of Women Shoppers, Inc.	United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, CIO
National Consumers League	United Federal Workers of America, C.I.O.
	United Office and Professional Workers of America, C.I.O.
	Women's National Homeopathic Medical Fraternity



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WARNING!

Look Out

for the so-called

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It won't create

It will destroy