**ERA Action Alert Template**

Subject: Take Action: Contact your Senators today!

Dear [First Name],

On January 27th, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)– crossing the three-fourths threshold of state support required for this amendment to become enshrined into our Constitution.

But there is more to do to get the ERA across the finish line. Reach out to your Senators now and urge them to support legislation to remove the ERA’s ratification deadline.

When the ERA passed Congress in 1972, lawmakers attached a 1977 ratification deadline to it, which they later extended to 1982. Legislation introduced by Congresswoman Jackie Speier will remove the deadline and the final obstacle to accepting the ERA as part of the U.S. Constitution. This legislation has been passed by the House. Now, the Senate must act so the states’ efforts are not done in vein.

There is no time limit on equality.

This is our moment and the perfect way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women achieving the right to vote. It is time for Congress to remove the ERA deadline and make this amendment a reality!

Despite the significant legal and legislative advances that have been made in recent decades, women continue to face discrimination on the basis of sex. We continue to battle against unequal pay, workplace harassment, pregnancy discrimination, domestic violence, and limited access to comprehensive healthcare. It is not enough to treat the symptoms; we must address the root cause of inequality by amending the Constitution.

The country has spoken and declared equality under the law is a principle we want enshrined in our Constitution. We are on the cusp of a victory for this almost 100-year fight. Congress must do the work to eliminate the deadline, so that this long-awaited amendment can go into effect immediately.

**[STATE SIGNER and TITLE]**