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Dear Editor:

Did you know that the US Constitution does not prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex? The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), introduced 100 years ago, would address this problem by constitutionally protecting the equality of rights under the law regardless of sex. The ERA has met all constitutional requirements for addition to the Constitution, and Congress can take action to officially recognize it as the 28th Amendment.

In order to amend the Constitution, Congress must pass an amendment with two-thirds support in both chambers and then three-fourths of the states must ratify it. This was accomplished with the ERA when, in 2020, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the amendment. However, when Congress passed the ERA in 1972, it attached a ratification timeline to the amendment, which came up before all the necessary states ratified the ERA. Fortunately, Congress has the authority to address this time limit and remove any uncertainty about the validity of the ERA.

It’s undeniable that women have made significant progress toward equality over the years. However, women continue to battle systematic discrimination in the form of unequal pay, workplace harassment, pregnancy discrimination, domestic violence, and more.

[INSERT STORY OF SEX BASED DISCRIMINATION IN YOUR STATE OR EXAMPLE OF WHY THE ERA IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR STATE]

Tackling these issues will take more than just reactionary solutions. We must address the root cause of inequality by amending our Constitution. The Equal Rights Amendment will pave the way for further legislative progress towards gender equality and will allow the courts to more closely scrutinize sex-based discrimination.

Additionally, the ERA is overwhelmingly popular. According to recent polling from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, nearly seventy-five percent of Americans support the Equal Rights Amendment.

The League of Women Voters of [INSERT NAME] calls upon Senator(s) [SENATOR LAST NAME(S)] to vote YES on S.J. Res. 4 and affirm the validity of the ERA as part of the Constitution. There should be no time limit on equality.

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