[DATE], 2022

The Honorable Senator [FIRST NAME LAST NAME]

United States Senate

[OFFICE ADDRESS]

Washington, DC [ZIP CODE]

Dear Senator [LAST NAME],

The League of Women Voters of [STATE] urges you to support S.J. Res. 4 on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), led by Senators Cardin and Murkowski. This resolution will affirm that the ERA is a valid part of the US Constitution and address the question of a ratification time limit. Women gained the right to vote over 100 years ago, and it is past time to protect equality for women in the US Constitution.

Despite the significant legal and legislative advances that have been made in recent decades, women continue to face discrimination on the basis of sex. The symptoms of this systemic discrimination are clear in the ongoing fights against unequal pay, workplace harassment, pregnancy discrimination, domestic violence, and more. It is not enough to treat the symptoms; we must address the root cause of inequality through constitutional protections against the denial of equal rights.

[Place to share any information about women and/or sex- or gender-based inequity in your state, etc. Connect back to need for constitutional protections against discrimination.]

The ERA has satisfied all ratification requirements set forth in Article V of the Constitution and should be added as the 28th Amendment. In 1972, Congress passed the ERA with well over the necessary two-thirds vote and sent it to the states. It has been over three years since Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the amendment, fulfilling the three-fourth state ratification requirement. The best way to ensure that the will and ratification rights of the states are respected is by removing any doubt about the validity of the ERA to support its immediate publication.

The League of Women Voters of [STATE] supports equal rights for all regardless of sex and, as an organization that defends democracy, believes there cannot be a time limit on establishing equality. [Place to share if your state’s constitution has its own ERA.] If you believe in equality for all regardless of sex, we urge you to support S.J. Res. 4 and critically affirm the enshrinement of sex equality into the Constitution once and for all.

The time is now.

Sincerely,

[SIGNATORY]