

March 17, 2021

**To: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**

Representative Jim Kasper, Chair  
Representative Ben Koppelman, Vice Chair  
Representative Jeff Hoverson  
Representative Jeffrey Magrum  
Representative Karen Rohr  
Representative Vicky Steiner  
Representative Steve Vetter  
Representative Scott Louser  
Representative Mitch Ostlie  
Representative Austen Schaur  
Representative Greg Stemen  
Representative Karen Karls  
Representative Pam Anderson  
Representative Mary Schneider

I write to you in opposition to SCR4010 and ask that you do not pass it. The Equal Rights Amendment is simply stated as follows:

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

Your committee consists of nine men and five women. Do you consider their rights to be equal to each other? The answer needs to be yes. If you vote to pass SCR4010, it will show that you do not believe that men and women are equal. It is that as simple.

That SCR4010 even exists is an insult to the girls and women of North Dakota. It was brought up in 2019 too and failed. Why is this being brought forward? There is no procedural reason. It is a waste of our taxpayer's money and your time. Who is behind this effort to undermine women?

Today in Washington the House passed with bipartisan support an ERA Time Limit Removal Bill. SCR4010 is on the wrong side of history, and the wrong side by not supporting North Dakota girls and women. A "Do Pass" from the committee is destructive to the girls and women in your families, your communities and most certainly our state.

Sincerely,



Kaye Carlson