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March 4, 2024

The Honorable Anne Healey Chair, House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee State House, Room H-4 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Anne Healey,

On behalf of the majority of the Women Legislators of Maryland members, we are writing to support **HJ0001 Affirming the Federal Equal Rights Amendment**. This legislation has been identified as one of our priorities for the 2024 legislative session.

This bill urges the Administration of President Joseph R. Biden to publish the federal Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and for the U.S. Congress to affirm, by joint resolution, the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment. This legislation ensures equal rights regardless of sex. The Women Legislators of Maryland fully support equal rights and, therefore, offer full support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Delegate Edith J. Patterson

President