

Position Statement on House Joint Resolution 1 (HJ 1): Affirming the Federal Equal Rights Amendment

SUPPORT

Carrington & Associates, LLC proudly supports House Joint Resolution 1 (HJ 1), introduced by Delegate Patterson and others. This resolution articulates the General Assembly's stance that the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) fulfills the requirements of Article V of the U.S. Constitution and should be officially recognized as the Twenty-eighth Amendment.

HJ 1 serves as a powerful declaration of Maryland's commitment to upholding the principles of equality and justice enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. The resolution calls for the swift publication of the ERA as the Twenty-eighth Amendment by the Administration of President Joseph R. Biden, urging the President to fulfill this crucial step without delay.

Furthermore, HJ 1 calls upon the U.S. Congress to pass a joint resolution affirming the ERA as the Twenty-eighth Amendment. Carrington & Associates, LLC joins in this call, recognizing the ERA's significance in solidifying the constitutional protection of rights regardless of sex.

Maryland's adoption of the Maryland Equal Rights Amendment in 1972 reflects the state's longstanding commitment to advancing gender equality. HJ 1 aligns with this history and underscores Maryland's dedication to ensuring equal rights for all.

While the joint resolution does not have a direct fiscal impact on the state, its advocacy for the ERA as the Twenty-eighth Amendment is of paramount importance in promoting gender equality at the national level.

Carrington & Associates, LLC appreciates the efforts of Delegate Patterson and co-sponsors in championing this resolution. We endorse HJ 1 as a crucial step toward recognizing and affirming the equal rights of all individuals, regardless of gender, and we encourage other states to join in this affirmation. Our commitment to fostering a society built on principles of justice and equality aligns with the goals of HJ 1, and we stand united in support of this important resolution.

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