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House Joint Resolution 0001
In Support Of
Affirming the Federal Equal Rights Amendment
Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
Hearing:

Dear Honorable Delegate Anne Healey, Chair, and Honorable Delegate Marvin Holmes, Jr., Vice Chair, and distinguished members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee,

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) supports the House Joint Resolution 0001 Affirming the Federal Equal Rights Amendment.

MRSPA agrees that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States of America, and to the other named federal and state leaders with the request that it be circulated among leadership of the legislative branch of the state governments.

Having been around when this amendment was brought forward in the 1970's, the "fear" that women were not prepared to fight in war for our country has proven to be folly. While no woman has become president of the United States, women have broken most every other glass ceiling. There should be no more excuses as to why this amendment cannot be added to the Constitution.

The majority of Maryland's teachers are female as are the majority of our members. It is long overdue that this amendment be added to our nation's Constitution. Women have had the right to vote for over 100 years, it is time we are recognized as equal under the law, as well.

On behalf of the 12,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge support for HJ 0001.

Sincerely,

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President

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Legislative Aide