



# Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>Senate Joint Resolution 1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Affirming the Federal Equal Rights Amendment</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>February 21, 2024</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Support</b>

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The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) *Senate Joint Resolution 1 - Affirming the Federal Equal Rights Amendment*. This Senate Joint Resolution calls upon the Administration of President Biden to publish the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The ERA is three sentences long:

Section 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

MOTA affirms the inalienable right of every individual to feel welcomed, valued, a sense of belonging, and respected while accessing and participating in society, regardless of the internal or external factors that make every individual unique. Yet, women's rights are regularly tested by all branches of the federal government, most recently with the *Dobbs* decision. Maryland was one of the first states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in 1972 and that same year Maryland adopted the Maryland Equal Rights Amendment to the Maryland Constitution. We urge Maryland to continue supporting equality with a favorable report.

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