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Senate Joint Resolution 0001
In Support Of
Affirming the Federal Equal Rights Amendment
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Hearing: February 21, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Dear Honorable Senator William Smith, Jr., Chair, and Honorable Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair, and distinguished members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) supports the Senate 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 are not prepared to fight in war for our country has proven to be folly. While no woman has yet to become president of the United States, women have broken most every other glass ceiling. There should be no more excuses for delaying this amendment to the Constitution.

The majority of Maryland's teachers are female as are the majority of our MRSPA members. Women have had the right to vote for over one hundred years. It is time women are recognized as equal under the law via this Equal Rights Amendment.

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

Sincerely,

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President

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Legislative Aide