

To

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Dear Attorney General Garland:

American women are under attack like never before. Women need and deserve the Equal Rights Amendment. We ask you to act now before the First Circuit rules.

You can unblock the ERA — simply rescind the faulty Bill Barr/OLC Memo and direct the U.S. Archivist to publish the ERA as the 28th amendment to the United States Constitution, in accordance with his mandatory Constitutional duty.

President Biden ran on his support of the ERA. Over 46 million women voted for him, but he has done nothing to establish the ERA as the 28th amendment.

In fact, the new administration has taken the same position as the Trump administration, against the ERA; and unfortunately you seem to be taking the same hostile position against the ERA as your predecessor William Barr, despite the letter from twenty-two democratic Attorneys General agreeing that the ERA is now law.

As you know, two Federal lawsuits are now in the Courts of Appeals to force the U.S. Archivist to publish the ERA. Attorney Wendy Murphy represents Equal Means Equal and the other Appellants in the First Circuit case, and VA Attorney General Mark Herring represents the commonwealth of VA in the DC case.

Your office has been fighting against the ERA in both of these cases using the Trump/Barr arguments. Women and allies are shocked to see these attacks persist under your direction.

How can you justify arguing against women's equality while claiming publicly to support "equal justice for all?"

Your legacy and integrity are on the line. Please do the right thing now on behalf of the one hundred and seventy million American women who still await the promise of equal protection of our laws.

Thank you